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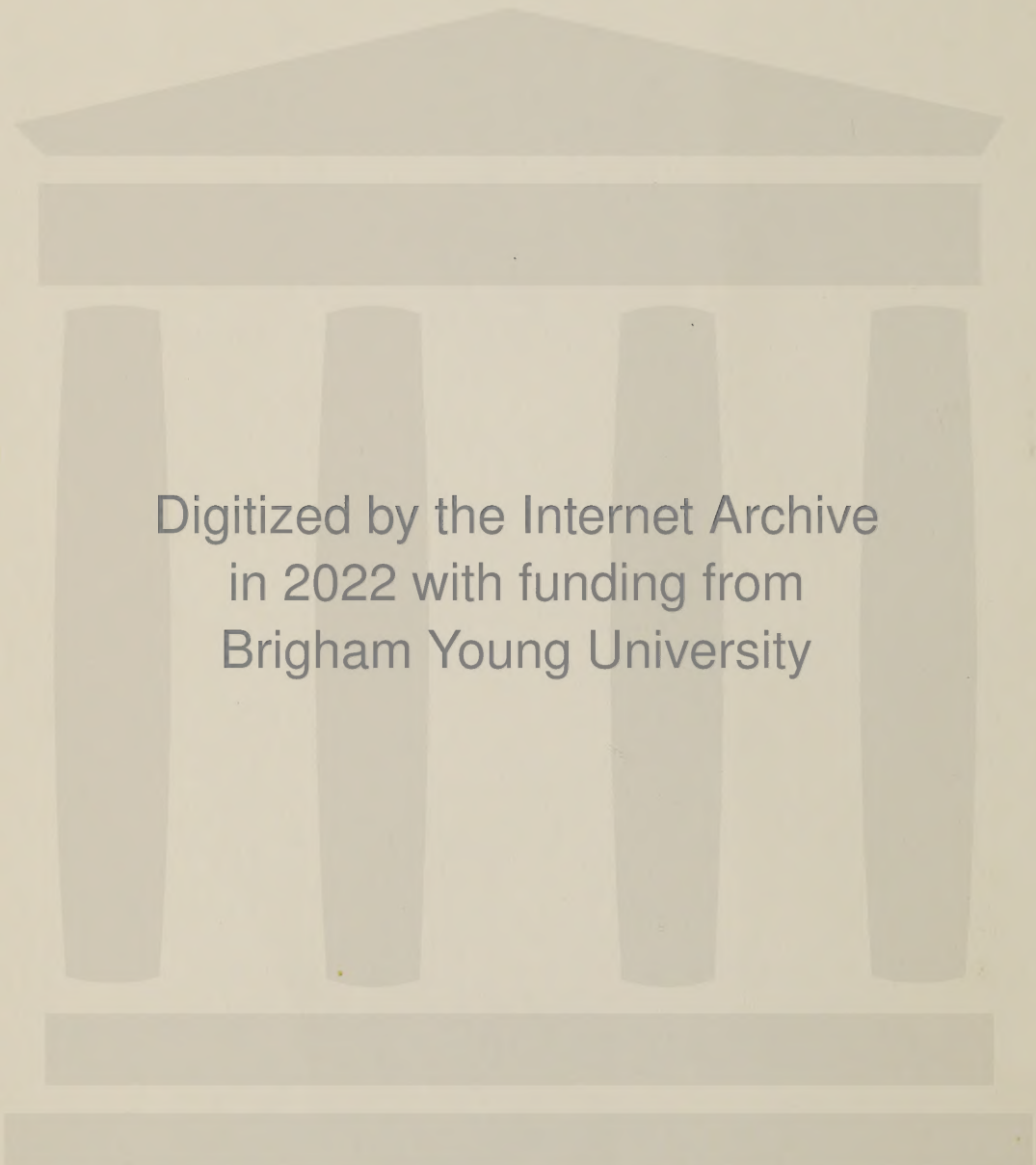
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Autiobiography of Charles Henry Davies

For the benifit (sic) of those who come after me, and in the hope that it will be of some good, I shall endeavor to write a little of my life. This is my frist (sic) attempt at anything of this kind, and with very little schooling no doubt will make some mistake's (sic), for which I trust shall be pardoned. I shall therefore give in my own way the message I desire, alway's (sic) remembering to state the truth, as far has (sic) my memory will permit me after so ma(n)y year's: Now my 67 year. I was Born well, That is, I was Born of Simple hard working folks, who inspired in me very early a hearty respect for work. My Mother (sic) was a noble woman. I can see the House now with walk leading up to front door, with Rose's (sic) on either side of door. The flag floor's washed almost white with clean white sand on floor. So far as school Education is concerned it maybe truthfully be said I had but little, and if in spite of that deficiency I ever arrived at Proficiency I reach it, I presume, "as Topsy," attained her stature, Just growed into it. I am the 8th child and 3rd Son of 19 children, 11 Son's and 8 daughter's. I was named Charles Henry. Born on the 26th Day of Dec. 1874. Son of John Thomas Davies & Ann Ellis at a small village Named Cumbran, Monmouthshire South Wales, Great Britain. The village or town of Cumbran mean's in English (The dingle of the crow) (encircled) It is a scattered village of Modern growth having its origin from the Industrial works there established. Up to the year 1860 there was only a few Mountain farm's, But in the year 1865 The Iron & Steel & wire works was established also a Brick works & a Nut & Bolt works, also a Vitroil works, also now have Blast furnace & rolling Mill's where as a Boy I worked also my brother's & my Father. Had also Tin plate work's where my Sister's worked, up to the time we left for Utah. My Oldest Sister's Mary Ann & Ma(r)tha leaving for Utah first in 1883 & 1884. Father leaving for Utah 1886, Mother with

us 7 children emigrated in May, 1888. My Parents up to this time had lay (sic) away in Mother Earth in our Native land 9 children, one a Boy 3 Month's old when Father left for Utah, it died 4 months after Father left. It may be well for me to state here, that our Emigrating started with emirgrating (sic) of my GranParent's (sic) Richard & Mary Ellis. Granfather Ellis & his Daughter Martha leaving year 1878 & GranMother in year 1881. My Mother Sister Mary Ellis Harries & Her Husband Wm. Harries Emigrated to Rocksprings Wyoming in year 1877. Wm. Harries was a coal Miner. My GranParent's Ellis Join the Church Young, Granfather Ellis in year 1852, Jan. 11th was at this time 39 years old. GranMa Ellis a year later Jan 21th (sic) 1853, was at times 36 years Old. My Mother Joined Church 1861, at age 15 year's old. Her Sister Mary Ellis Harries Joined Church 1875 age 26 years & Martha Ellis Harvey Joined Church 1868, age 16 years. My Father's People never Joined Church all was indifferent to it. My Father never Joined Church untill (sic) 1884 when Myself & 2 older Brother's Daniel & Wm. John did at same time. But Father never opposed the Church, was always for it & helped the missionary By letting Mother hold oppen (sic) house for them & giving them the Best they had. I never remember My Father attending Church of any kind in the Old Country, But alway's seen that his children attend church & Sunday School we attended the Methodist Church. Mother never attend any outside Church. She was sure of the Church She Joined when a girl. The only reason our Parents had there (sic) children attend the outside Church was because there was no LDS where we lived. But would always have the (p. 2) meeting in our home when ever the Missionary's (sic) came our way. I have stated these's few fact before going on with my life's story So the reader will get some little background to my History, will no doupt (sic) get a few more fact's in has (sic) I get along. The Family Genealogy will be found on seperate (sic) sheet's with this record. Also on seperate sheet will

be found my activities in the Church with date's as near has I have been able to give them. So will not go into them indetale (sic) again with these line's. I attended school as other children because the Law's of the Country compeled (sic) us to, up to certain age. I was Between 9 & 10 year's old when finding another Boy of the same age We was permitted to work what was called half time, that is we would change off, School one day & work the next. The day I was to school he was at the Job. I did that untill I was between 11 & 12 year's old, may have been earlier. Then was permitted to leave school & work. I got work in the Foundry first, then later in the steel work's where I worked untill leaving for Utah in May, 1888 which would make me in my 13 year on coming Dec. Before leaving my Native Wales there are a few thing's I wish to say with regard to my early life. I repeat that we where (sic) brought up to work & to be Obedient, respect the Aged & attend Religious service's be Honest & respect Law. There was 3 or 4 Religious sect's in our village. But we attended the Wesleyan Methodist our Parents thought it better for there children to attend some church Tho (sic) they themselves did not attend. Everyone though in the Vallage (sic) new (sic) we belonged to the so called Mormon's & let me say here that we was never in any way ashamed of Name, and the people respected us & all was our friends. When I was leaving for Utah my Sunday School Teacher of the Methodist presented me with a small pocket New Testerment (sic) which is still in my family. 9 year's afterwards I had occasion to use this little Book when going back there on a Mission & meeting my Teacher showing him the Book. He was friendly but did not want my Religion. My District School Teacher was the most bitter one we had he was & old Religious moss back. He always took special interest when I was in History or Geography class to point out Salt Lake & tell what kind of people lived there & the

aufull (sic) things they did. He never took time to find ou the Truth nor would he listen to the truth when he had the chance. He did not stop to think that the people he was running down was the people from his own natave (sic) land. I use to go home from school & tell my Mother about it. She would smile & feel sorry for Teacher & say to me You will find out for yourself someday when you go to Salt Lake. I had no thought then as young has I was ~~have~~ (sic) Of ever seening (sic) Utah. But Mother must have had some thought of it. But the time came when I did find out & went back to see him to tell him the truth, But he only closed the Door on me, would not let me visit the School or go & see his family. He was still teaching the School, He & his Wife, & no doupt would as long has they lived. They taught school to all our family. School had one other Man Teacher with them but only for a few year's, a Mr. Roberts he turned out to be a Baptist Minister who I had the pleasure of meeting again when back on my Mission. I was Lodging at his sister's Home at another town when he came for a weekend visit. It was an unexpected visit for both of us & turned out to be a pleasant one. The missionary's from Zion always made our home there (sic) stoping place when in that part of country & we was always pleased to have them. As A Boy I would go out on street with them to hold street meetings. We would hold meetings in our home & invited the (p.3) neighbours (sic) to Join us. We was the only member's of the Church in that part at that time. My Parents always had a open house for the Lord's servants. Often my Parents would give up there bed for them. Father though not a Church Member would tell my Mother to give them the best we had if we had to go without. I have seen many time's as many has 4 & more at our home at sametime. They would travell (sic) those day's from place to place & would Just happen to meet at our home. It was my Job to see there shoe's was cleaned & shined up ready for them

to ~~up~~ (sic) put on in the morning My Mother always telling me never to take any pay, not even a copper Penny. But sometimes I could not refuse the Elder's would not let me. But we was blessed of the Lord for taking care of his Servant's. I will here relate one Blessing I received of the Lord through his servants. I do not remember my age but was a mear (sic) child, can recall the incident only. It was about the times my Parents had lost some of there children with fever of some kind. I was very sick So much so that the Doctor had given me up & had gone so far has to give my Mother the Death Certificate saying I had only a short time to live. But about that time the Elder's came to the Door & Mother bade them welcome as always. But much more at this time, she had them come into my room they administered to me I dont know what they said, but do know I sat up in bed & asked for something to eat. Mother was backward about giving me anything to eat, but the Elder's told her to that it would not hurt me. I know that I was heald (sic) right then. Mother new what they promised me, but did not tell me untill the promise was about to be forefilled (sic), & that was when I was in my 23 year, & we was in Zion at the Town of Vernal Uintah Co Utah, in May or June of 1897 I received a letter from President Wilford Woodruff, calling me to report in 6 Month's or earlier, at Salt Lake City to take a Mission to Europ (sic). Then my Mother told me with tear's of Joy the promise the Elder's give me. That I should not die, But live & go to Zion & in the Lord's due time should return to my Natave Land & Preach the Gospel. I had another testermony (sic) when I arrived at Liverpool England the British Mission headquarter's. We was about 25 missionary's in the Company President Well's was in charge of Mission we had our Meeting & the Elder's was geting (sic) our appointments to Mission's to Labour (sic) at. Pres Wells asked all if they had any special place of Country to Labour at, If there people or themselve's was from any place there. And about all of them did. I said

nothing though it was only 9 years sence (sic) I left Wale's my native land. They all receive there appointment's. I was the only one left. President Rulon S. Wells said, I hardly know where to send you. You dont seem to have any special place to go. Then after a few min thought, He appointed me to Wales my native home. Then when I told him that was my home which I had only left 9 year's before, He was rather surprised I did not say so before. But I was sure of my faith where I would be sent. But wanted another testermony that the Lord work's through his true servant's & I receivedit. As a Boy in My Native Land My Pay for work was not very large a few Penny's a day. But my first pay though small was large to me. I thought myself a Big Man to go home at end of week with my Pay for Mother. I can rem(em)ber my first new suite (sic) of close (sic). Boy was I Big, Father without my seeing him put a Coin of Money in my pant's pocket, then told me to try my pocket's to see how they was & I found the coin. I thought that was something & all the Big folks had a good laught (sic) at me. For I was so surprised, Well we had our (p. 4) good time's with our hard times. Our wages was not large, But then living was much cheeper (sic) there than USA. A Shilling there 24 cents in USA money was the same as Dollar in USA. I think my wages when I started to work was around one shilling a week. We never worked after 1 oclock on Sat all would line up to Pay window & receive pay. Never no Sunday work of any kind & no Business of any kind open. All is against the Law. People there never save only work & get Pay & spend it. In case of sickness we had some kind of Benfitt (sic) from Company. All paid into it taken from Pay every week. But in case of work shut down for any cause mostly it was strike's all would be hard put. I have seen County soup kitchen's opened up & people would have to line up with small pail for there soup. You would get according to the size of family. I have been for our family more than once, to the soup house. Bread was

at a premium. We use to have our bread Baked in larg(e) Company Oven's. There was certain days set for each group of people & You had to use it your day. We had many hollydays (sic) that was observed by all. Xmas was the time of all time's. Some weeks before Church would have special services. All street & store's would be fixed up & home's also & cake & puding (sic) making. I have taken my turn seting (sic) up allnight keeping the Plum pudings boiling. It was fun. We would go around Xmas Carrol (sic) singing & would get many Coin's of Money & all we could eat of cake & cider to drink & sometime's something stronger than Sweet Cider to drink. Bell's would all be ringing from all the Churche's (sic). Band's going around Playing for what they could get to drink, us kids use to go around with the Band to carry the Band instruments Just to get in on the eat & drink & the few copper's we would get, it was nothing to be out all night. We had a garden as nearly all family's did & the way we use to get our Manure for fertillzeing (sic) was gather it up off streets with small fire shouvel (sic) & Bucket. Sometime's follow a horse & cart a long way watching for the dropings (sic) & sometime's had to fight the other kid for it. Gess (sic) I was no different than any other Boy. We all had to fight & work for what we got. But was always taught to be Honest. Never pick a quarrel, if we did & got licked (p. 5) Father would give us more if he found out. He would say dont look for or Pick a row, but never let anyone pick on you, fight for the right if you have to, dont get licked by the other fellow. If you do you get another licking when you get home. I well remember my first fight. Another Boy my age & size was always picking on me & I was always afraid to fight. So my Big Brother, Wm. J., found it out. One day he got us both together & the other Boy had his Big Brother also. My Brother said I must give him a good beating. If I dod not, he would give me one, then he would tell Father & I would get another. The

other Boy's Big Brother told him the same, well we finished I went home with my Brother & he was patting me on the back & praising me, said he new I would do it the other Boy went home Bauling (sic) & his Brother helping him on with his shoe where he sat down. Well the Boy and myself was always the Best of friends after. That was the way, all trouble was settled if it could not be settled in any other good way fight fare (sic), stand up & take it never hit at the other fellow when down, both have even chance & fight untill the one said enough, then shake hands & be friends. (If you get a chance to see the show, or read the Book, How green was my Valley By Llewelyn See the Play & read the Book) (encircled) Well the time came for my Babtizm (sic) into the church. I had Just past my 9th year by 3 Months. My Mother was Happy for Father & my 2 Older Brother's William J, & Richard Danial (sic) was geting (sic) Baptized also. It was on the night of March 17th, 1884, Ireland Day. We had to Baptize at night when all was quiet & no people around. Three of the Missionarys came, Fredrick Lewis of Spanish Fork, Utah, Heber Goddard & Moroni Sheets, Both of Salt Lake City. We went about one Mile from Home to the Canal, on foot. Elder Lewis did the Baptizing then we all walked home in our wet clothes only I did not walk my oldest Bro Dan carried me on his back. Got home & after get on dry clothes had meeting at home & was confirmed members of Church. Elder Goddard comfirmed (sic) Father Elder Sheets (p. 6) confirmed Bro Dan, Elder Lewis confirmed Bro Wm John & also myself. My oldest Sister Mary Ann was Baptized same year, 20th May. Also my sister Emily, Sister Martha was Baptized 12th Sept 1883. So now all the family that was of age was member's of the Church. My 2 older's Sister's, Mary Ann & Martha having, left for Utah. It was now Father's turn to leave, which he did on Oct 29th 1886 leaving Mother & 8 of us living Children one a Baby Boy only 3 Months Old & it Died 4 Months after Father left for Utah. It was a happy time for Mother when Father left us for Utah. Not with standing the

seperation for how long we did not know. But our good Mother new that now the time would be nearer when the rest of us would be leaving for that Promise land. Many of our Neighbours & all of Father's friends was at the S Station to see him off. Many was feeling Sorry for Mother saying Father had gone now to the Mormon's & that would be the last of him. He would take other wife's & would forget us. To all such talk Mother would smile & give them a good answer. Well we was left to get along 8 children with our Mother. 3 of us Boys to make the living myself coming into my 12th year Birthday was the youngest of the 3. But I was working had my Job at the Steel works as also my 2 other Big Brother's Dan & Wm. we did not make big wage But we got along & paid our way & Father never forgot us. People at times when they see how we got along & had so much more than they had wonder how we did it. I remember when at one time work was closed down & it was hard to get bread we had plenty & Mother could spare some that was in need, the good people who felt sorry for us when Father left for the Mormon's talked much different. Let me say Now that it was not all rose's for Father. He was not use to the way's of People in the New Land or to the kind of work there was for him to do. But he took any kind of work there was, Clearing of sage Brush land, Railroad with pick & shouvel, Brickyard, & Mason helper, or anything in the way of honest (p. 7) work to make honest money. Yes & we must not forget Father had not long been a member of the Church, left off all the Habit's he had been raised on from a Boy, Coming to a strange land & people who he thought was about perfect like the missionary's. But found condishun's (sic) much different, for many who claimed membership in the Church was doing the things he was told not to, for it was not right. But he held to the truth & although not learned for he had no schooling became to take part in the Church & the Priesthood. Now the missionary's always kept coming to visit us & Mother would always care for them with the best

we had, and we was always blessed for so doing. I am sure that the way we lived & treeted (sic) the people even those's who did speek (sic) against our Religion & our Church caused us to make friends & make it possiable (sic) for the Elder's to accomplish there mission & I know our Hevenly (sic Father blessed us as a family & blessed also My Father & Sister's in Zion so that the way was opened up for the gathering of My Mother & us 7 children who was left to leave for Zion. Which took place on the 18th day of May 1888 when we left Cumbran Monmouthshire, our Native land, by train for Liverpool England where we was to take Passage on steamship and cross the Ocean, which was to Sail, Sat the 19 of May 1888. We was meet at Liverpool By the Elder's ~~& taken in charge~~ (sic) of the Liverpool Church office & taken in charge by them. There we meet many other Church Members going to Zion. 137 in Number also Some Missionarys returning home. Elder Wm Wood a young Returning Missionary from Salt Lake City was put in charge of the Company. I dont think at that time we children relized (sic) as our Mother did, what leaving our Natave Land & going to America ment (sic) to us only that we was going to meet Father & Sister's & GrandParents that would be there to meet us & Make a New Home. But for our Mother the long & expected day had arrived when she could gather to the Body of the Church & be with her people & do her Temple work, which was her Heart's desire. We Entered the ship Whyoming (sic) that evening after having (p. 8) ~~after having~~ (sic) everything attended to during the day for our passage. So this was our first night to sleep on a very large steamship 18th of May 1888. Next morning 19th all was up early for we was sailing as soon has the tied (sic) came in. It was a Beautyfull (sic) May Morning the sun shining & all Nature seemed right & all was very happy as the vessel started from the dock for the Wide Ocean. My Mother stood on the Deck the Sun Shining on her & She sang it seemed to me the best she ever sang for she was a good singer,

The Hymn Ye Elders of Israel come Join Now with me and search out the righteous wherever they be. In desert or Mountain on land or the Sea, and bring them from Bablon (sic) to Zion to free. Soon she had all Joining on the Chorus, O Babylon O Babylon we bid thee farewell. We go to the Mountain's of Ephraim to dwell. She was over come with Joy & thanksgiving to her Father in Heaven for the rich blessing' that had come to her. Now she would have all her family garthered (sic) to Zion & where She could have her Husband & children all sealed together & be with the Body of the Church. On vessell (sic) was 3 class'es, 1st (sic) 2nd & erd according to the size of your pocketbook. We like all the Emergrating (sic) Saint's was very pleased to have enough to go 3rd Class which was down in the hole of the vessel. But all faired (sic) well. My 2 older Brother's with myself was in compartment for the Men. Mother & the 2 Sister's & 2 small Baby boy's was with the Women Compartment. So we was not together untill we landed at New York harbour (sic). We could visit though on ship with each other at time's if we was able, from sea sickness all more or less was Sea Sick But was nothing to do but take it for better or worse & most was worse. I know I give my share to feeding of fish for a few day's. Then I made offoas soon as able to walk for the other Part of Ship to see Mother & the rest of family found them fairing pretty well. Will say Sea Sickness is very bad sickness & in order to appreciate it you must have it. I cannot (p. 9) recall anything Perticular (sic) that happened crossing the Ocean only at times it was very ruff (sic), then we would have to stay down in our Berth's could not go out on the Deck of ship & watch the Sea & Sky for that was all you could see only occasionaly (sic) would sea (sic) fish Jumping up & down over the wave's & sometime's see other ship's passing at a distance. There was one incident that I may relate which no doupt will show my Temperment (sic) and not so easyally (sic) forgotten. The steward

that hard (sic) charge of our Side would bring our bread a good Size Biscuit much like a small loaf & Sometimes would be rather hard. On this Perticular Occasion, He had one extra hard could not have been eaten by anyone. In fact many passed it up. But the Steward was passing it on to me anyway for I was has he no doupt thought was only a Kid. So said I would have to take that or nothing. But I thought different so has he turned I let drive the hard biscuit at him, So he could see how hard it was. It landed right under his Ear. All his bread went down & nearly himself also of course it caused a good laugh by all, but himself it was rather hard I admitt (sic) for him to take. But had to take it for it was forced on him I turned the table on him so as (sic) to speek. Well he said you will not get anymore to eat all the way over. But in that he was fooled also, for I had plenty of friends as also my Brother's who seen to it that they received plenty extra for me. We was 12 days on the Sea, then we seen land we made out the Statue of Liberty & a shout of Joy went up from all. We had to stay at Sea, untill the Boat came with the Doctor & inspector, We all had to be inspected & Pass the Doctor & show where from & where we was going & if we had folks to go to. We finly (sic) landed in New York Sat the 30th of May 1888. We then had to have luggage checked & inspected By US Costum (sic) officers & Mother to see about geting food for 8 augury (sic) mouth's & believe me you get augury after been on sea for any length of time. I wounder (sic) now how our good Mother did it to care for & get the food for us on the train (p. 10) over land to Salt Lake City. I dont recall what Route we took. The fact was I was not interested only to get to the end of the Journey & see Salt Lake City & see Father who we had not seen for 2 years & Sister's Mary Ann & Martha had not seen for 5 years they in the meantime was Married & of Course had not yet seen there men. Then there was my Mother's Parents, Grandpa & GrandMa Ellis also Mother's sister's Mary Harries & Martha E Harvey these's we had not seen for 10 years, they was all there

at Depo (sic) when the train pulled in and you may know it was a very happy meeting to have the family all Reunited again & for the last time. Now two things happened on the train that I well remember. A Young man kept coming through the train selling candy & Gum & Magazine's & fruit's. He had what I thought the nice's red apple's I ever seen. So got Mother to buy some, the cost was a Shilling in our money that was a lot for be it remembered we counted all money then in English money. Myself took a bite of the apple. I never tasted anything so bad & started spitting out what I got in my mouth, told Mother not to eat the stuff was Poison fruite (sic) of some kind, out through the train window they went & the end of Mother's Shilling. We found out later they were Tomatoes. Well Mother said if we was going to live in America we was going in for they thing's they raise & Eat. So after we got settled we learned to eat Tomatoe's first from the Can by puting (sic) Sugar or Salt & Pepper on them. I now think Tomatoes a grand fruite anyway you eat them. The other incident I ~~liked~~ (sic) liked, Boy like to put my head out of window, thought I could see better. But Mother like all Mother's did not think it safe and rebelled against it. So I got to going to the closet for no other purpose than to have my head out of window. But I went once to many, the wind took my cap. That give me away, for my punishment had to go head bare & that's the way I landed at Salt Lake City. Now after seeing the kind of head-gear the Boy's of my age was wearing was not sorry I lost my cap in fact was pleased din't (sic) like the thing anyway & do you blame me after explaining the kind of cap. It was what was called a Scotch Cap, Boat shape with a large red Roseate make of ribbon on the side of cap then 2 long streamer's of ribbon hanging at back. No doupt I would cut some figer (sic) & get many laught's from my associate's in Zion. Well the family was together again & we was very happy, am thinking now has I write, of the other meeting that will be when we are through with this world & pass on to the next, will that not be a

happy meeting, let us Pray that it will be so, & all do our part to make that family Union complete. For that porpose (sic) we have this family organization, & also the porpose for our Parent's leaving there Native land's. We was taken to Sugar House Ward on 12th East, close to where now stand's the Sugar House Ward Chapple (sic). A two room dobby (sic) House belonging to my Sister & Husband Richard Hemsley, they had by this time a New Brick home to the South on the same lot of land. My first playmate's was the Wheeler Boy's John & Tom aslo (sic) there Sister Lottie, they lived on the lot to the North. It was there property that the Ward Chapple is now on. When we came to Sugar Ward before belonging to Ward we all had to get Rebaptized. It was the time what they called in the Church at that time the Reformation & all member's was rebaptized. We was Babaptized (sic) at the canal West of 11th East Street. Myself with my Brother's Dan & Wm. John signed a paper before leaving our Native land, that we would Pay the money back to our Brother in Law, Richard Hemsley which he loaned for our Emergration Mother & 7 children. So we needed work, which we soon found. Myself at the Brickyard for a shilling a day as I remember 25 cents American Money & to me counted in English money was large Pay, as in Wale's I only received that much a week working the Steel Work's. However it was not long before my pay was double. My sister Emily also worked out at family home worked (sic) which also helped out some the other 2 Boys Ellis & Fred & Sister Jane was too (sic) young at this time to work out. I dont know now as I look back how our Parent's did it, live & Pay rent & support the family of 9, themselves & 7 children & we Paid the Emergration money back with interest in 12 Months. I do know we boys did not receive any clothe's other than what we brought with us, no warm underclose. But we had extra Jacket's & Pant's & in the cold weather we would double them up (p. 11) in place of warm underware (sic). But I know we hung (?) together

& was blessed of the Lord for Mother alway's Paid her tithing & Offering to the Church. About this time also, 12 or 13 Month's after coming to our New Home My Mother give (sic) birth to her 19th child a girl, which was Blessed & Named Alice By our Bishop Apolas Driggs. But Sister only lived 3 Months. She took sick & all our faith & Prayer's could not spare her life. She passed away Oct 1889 & layed away in the Salt Lake Cemertary (sic). Gess (sic) I was not different than other boys of my age. I liked my fun & played some trick's. But never did anything very bad. Went to school some in winter month's at the 2 room dobby school House where Now stand's the Irvin School, 12th East & then 12th South, now 21th South, had some fight's there with other Boy's because they picked on me a strange boy in a strange land thought to have there fun at my expence (sic), myself thought otherwise. Was not long before all was my friends & got along OK, later they Built a New School House of brick on corner of 12 East & 21th South. My Brother in law, Richard Hemsley & his Uncle Job Hemsley had the brick work, as they were Bricklayer's & contracter's (sic) at this time I was working for them as labour carrying Brick we was on the, 2nd story & had to wheel the brick in Wheelbarrow up a runway & scaffold the runway give way on my going up with a load. I fell to Basement wheel-barrow of brick also. Father was working there & thought I gess that I was a gone'r. But not so. My (sic) I struck my nose on the floor Joice (sic) & it bleed very bad, we lived 1/2 Blk North on 12 East went home & Mother stoped (sic) the Nose bleeding & back I went to work. We thought nothing of walking from Sugar House to the City in fact that was the only way to go, unless we was lucky or rich enough to own & feed a Horse. Can remember when the street car's pulled by a Pair of Mule's use to come out as far as 9th South called the 1st Ward, then later came on out as far as

Bro McGhiee Home on Corner of now Westminister Ave & 11th East then as country kept building up Property was cut up into Building lots & more people coming out that way Sugar House was growing fast. Soon we had the Electric lights & Street Car's & went on up hill on 12th So to State Prison (p. 12) Property could be bought cheep (sic) them day's could get an acre of land for what you had to Pay for Building lot sence (sic). Those's that had the money and the vis(i)on to see ahead done well. I well remember the sheep heard's (sic) us (sic) to travell on 12th South, East in the Spring & West in fall & the noise they made & the dust also they made, could hear the Noise & See the dust for mile's before you seen the sheep. People living anyway near would get there door's & window's close in a hurry. Us kid's would follow the heard for mile's for a give out sheep, Seen when we have followed the heard to Mouth of Parley's Canyon, & West to Jordon River & then get the sheep home as best we could, stake it out on the grass, to feed up & have our winter meet (sic). I well remember the Prisoner's for the Prison would cut the sage brush across the street from Prison that's what they used for heating the Prisoner's that was let out that way was mostly our Church Brothering (sic) that was put in there for living there Religion at that time. I have visited some of the Brothering there with my Mother's Sister Aunt Martha Ellis Harvey. A few time's on visiting day's she use to get me to go with her. they used for light Oil lamps, Untill Elictric (sic) lights came out that way We use to enJoy riding with horse & wagon & finely (sic) when one got a White Top 2 or 3 seat'ed rigg, we use to think they was som(e)body. Then when they had the Top Buggie, they was puting it on that was real styl(e). We use to enJoy our Bob Se (sic) sleigh ride's in winter, one firnish (sic) a hor(s)e & another a horse another the sleigh. We use to have our sleigh Parties Boys & girls, have plenty of quilt's & bundle up to keep warm, away we

would go, Bell's on the horse's any kind of Bell that would make a noise, them was the day's. We made our own Partie's at different home's lot's of suprize (sic) Partie's. The Girls furnish the Picnic. If there was rug or carpet on floor, it was taken up untill party was over then layed Back we would dance to any kind of music we happened to have along mouth organ, fiddle the house Organ if they had one. It was at these's Parties I learned to dance with the girl that later became my wife. She was a good (p. 13) dancer, & I sure did like to dance with her, that was the one way I had of holding her. Well we had much clean fun, Playing all kind's of good clean game's & our cost was small. Then came the automobile first not so fine looking but any that was able to buy one was thought well off. then came the Paved sidewalks & road's with better ~~car's~~ & much faster Car's. Now we have death everywhere by the hudred's (sic). Our social's are taken from our home's we pay out our money or rather throw it away to anyone who will make the fun for us, at any cost & we travel or drive hundreds of miles from home to get it, & many time's get also the things we have been warned not to take, our home tie's are broken up, family after family seperated & our children left to drift anywhere & in any old way. Juvenile delinquency is rampart (sic) ever where. Now we fly all over the world, soon that will be as easy to get has the automobile, & all will have them Many have them now We need I think ~~to~~ (sic) get back to some of the old fundamental thing's like House quilting & sewing Bee's get more together & help one another. Not think so much of self The Church welfare Program is a start in the right direction & need the loyal suport (sic) of all. I enJoyed attending Sabbath School & my meeting's & mingle with the Young folk's of the Church, & attend to my calling as a Decon (sic) which I was called to soon after coming to Sugar

House Ward. My Calling to a Decon & other calling's to the Priesthood & the Organization's of the Church will be found with my Personal Record which will be found in other part of Book. But would like to record some of the duties's a decon had in those's day's to Perform & the responsibility that went with President of the quoram which was my calling. We had the Church house & grounds to care for. As also the sacrament to care for fire's to build light lamp's & care for lamp's. Get the wood for stove & chop wood up. We had to haul wood from the Canyon som(e)time's take us 2 day's or more to get the load down. The boys who's Dad had a Horse would each bring a Horse, another the wagon & so on. We use to make up a team with plug's of any kind we could get & put them together for the first time. Som(e)time's we would have a lot of fun. We also (p. 14) went around & choped wood for the widow's gather'ed the fast offerings & Ward donation's. Distributed sup(p)ly's to the Poor for Relief Society Sister's & let me say, as I look back over the Name's of the faithfull one's. They have made good many of those's Boy's have become leader's in the Church & in the Community where they live, there Name's are held everywhere for good I was called then into the Teacher's quoram & President of that quoram also, about this time was called to Join the Ward Choir, & soon after was ordained a Priest & was active in all the Ward Organizations. In ~~about~~ (sic) fall of 1895, My Parents & family that was home moved to Vernal Uintah County. My sister Emily was married now & they lived there. So they came with Team & wagon & helped us to move. It was a long drive but enJoyed by all. I became active there in the Ward Choir & organization of Ward & Social's. ~~It was from Vernal~~ (sic) & took any kind of work I could get, there was not much cash then for your labour only trade. Next year I received work on the Uintah Indian Reservation driving team & Scraper

making canal's & geting water from the Duchane river onto the land for the Indians, We camped out on the Reservation in tent's & became very good friends of the Indian's, use to take part in there game's & dance's. They liked horse racing & did much of it. There dance's was all out in the open at different place's. The dance to me was not much. They would all form a ring, Male then female next & so on until the ring was formed. The music consisted of any kind of Tin pan or anything a skin could be covered over with: they with music would sit on ground in center of Ring & Tom Tom, on this skin like a drum & chant, the dancer's keeping time with there feet, shoulder's alway tuching & would keep going around that way with the ring never broken. If the squar came & asked you to dance & you refused, you must give her 25¢. I danced many times to save paying the 25¢. If you broke the circle by not keeping your shoulder tuching the one on either side of you they would laugh & somtimes had to pay the 25¢. There was one Indian who became very friendly. In fact he (p. 15) would be at my camp all the time whenever I was free from work. He would tell me his language, then have me tell him what it was in my language. In that way I learned some of there Indian word's & speech. Now to this day have been sorry I did not take more interest in learning there talk, for he told me many of there Indian story's. But to me then it was just passing the time with this good Indian friend, & let me say that he was a true friend. To show his friendship, Let me relate two incedence's. We always left our tent open & air thing's laying around loose, Never thought of locking anything up: & we would be away sometime's all day, But one day we missed some of our food & clothing We new it to be on an Indian for he left track's of his Indian Moccasin (they wear for shoe's) Soon my Indian friend came as usual. I told him what happened. He got down & examined the track's

for he was much put out to think one of his tribe would do that to a friend; so he said me get him soon & off he went, But soon to return with another Indian, saying me got him. You my friend. Say me kill him. If you say, No I said not kill, maybe he do it no more. But he went with the Indian to there police & turned him over to them for punishment. Was told they thrashed him. But we had no more stealing. The other incedence's; It was sometime after I left the reservation & went back to my home in Vernal. My sister & husband with myself & friends was going to Salt Lake City. We had in the in the outfit five team's with wagon's loaded. When we got to the Duchane River we could not get within two miles & more of the bridge. The river was so high ~~it was ever~~ the water was over the river bank's, so you could not tell where the river bank was which made it very dangerious to try and get to bridge. Many loaded teams with freight for the Vernal stores was on the other side of river. Been camped there nearly a week. As we stood there looking at our situtation knowing we could not cross, unless a miracle happened, (which did happen) for has we stood there an Indian came up on a pony & when seeing me got off pony coming up to me with out stretched arm's repeating, My Friend, Heap my friend. I did not know him only just as another Indian. He seen that I did not know him saying, you no saby me. Then he told me of the time I work on reservation driving Buckskin horses on canarl(?) then I reconized my Indian friend. He asked if the outfit was mine & where I was going. Told him we was on way to Salt Lake City, but maybe we have to stay, to much water. He said you my friend me take you over, me savy the way. He went and cut him a large willow like a fish pole & leading his pony went into the water on foot. The water nearly up to his shoulders & feeling the way with his willow all the time for solid ground, told us to follow him with teams, which we did the water at times comming into our wagons & some of us got soaked. But we got to the Bridge & over to other side of

River. The outfit on the other side shouting & throwing there hat's up in the air with joy. We offered to pay my Indian friend but he would not except anything in way of pay, But all the time saying, you heap my friend. The other outfitts wanted him to take them over & would pay him well. But he refused, saying me take him outfitt, he heap my friend. I have never seen my Indian friend sence. Have wished many times I had. It as left me with a very warm spot in my heart for the Indian & have thought many times of the words of our Prophet Brigham Young. Said he about the Indian, it is better to feed them, than to fight them. I recall now as I write another incident with a Indian lady. We had not long been in Salt Lake City from Wales, when one day my sister Jane much younger than myself, we had to stay home & look after the home and some little Pig's we had, & on seeing what we thought was our Grandma Ellis Coming up through the field to house to visit us. She lived in the 10th Ward up by the old Salt Lake Brewery and used to walk out to our home then we lived what is now 13th East & 20th South, was called 11th South. She used to have on a red shaw. My sister seen her coming & run to meet her, but lo and behold ~~it was~~ when she got close enough to see it was an old Indian squar. She came back in a high hurry making an awful noise. We both ran into homes & put down windar shade's & looked door's. Of course the Indian came to house & she new we was there. She knocked on door & window all the time saying me friend me no hurt you, me good Mormon. But nothing doing for us, we was very (p. 16) quit not even hearing either of us breath. After sometime she left but not before all the pigs got out of the pen & we had a hard time geting them back. They run us all over the neighborhood & if it has not been for a little black dog we had named Carlo, I doubt if we ever would get pigs back. The dog would run & catch one by the tail & hang on, with pig squeeling, until we came & got the pig. Them he would get another one in the same way & kept that up untill we got them

all. As I remember now eight pigs. Well the Indian turned out to be a friend. She had a letter from church leaders telling the people to help her for she was in need & our mother used to give her food, but we did not know it so was playing as we thought on the save side. Now coming back to Vernal. It was in the spring of 1897 that I received a letter from Salt Lake City address Box B. Thinking it was from the Deseret Sunday school as I use to receive letter's from them, beening Sunday school sec at the time. But upon opening letter was suprised to find it was a call to be at Salt Lake City in coming fall Oct to take a mission to Europe signed by Church President Wilford Woodruff. The strange thing about the call was that none of the Ward & Stake authorities new nothing of the call. No one there had sent my name in to church. I was only a Priest at this time having been called to that office before leaving our home ward at Salt Lake City. Well I went home & gave the letter to my mother to read. She said what is it. Read it I told her, which she did & I noticed the change on her face. Well she said what are you going to do. Why go, I said. How can you, we have nothing, no money & not much chance here of ~~making~~ earning any, for at that time there was not much cash for labor but a great deal in trade for the necesities of life. Well mother you have always said that the Lord never ask, but what he was willing to help prepare the way if we do our part. I have a good sadle which I can get twenty dollars for. I will sell that now, that will be a good start, for I am going on that mission. Then she told me of the time when I was sick nigh unto death in our native (p. 17) land of Wales: when she held in her hand the Death certificate of my death given to her by our family Doctor & the missionary's the true servant's of the Lord administering to me Saying I should not die. But live to go to Zion & return to my native land & preach the gospel. Yes mother said you will go, the Lord will prepare the way, He never makes a promise

without keeping it. Well the next thing to do was get ordained an Elder & mother wanted me to get my Patriarch Blessing which I did. Both of these callings will be found in my personal record in this book. I was indeed marvelous the way everything turned out for me after I had excepted the call. I know as I live that my Heavenly Father answered the Prayers of my mother & myself, for it was not long before a man came & asked me to work for him for 3 dollars per day cash & father received work also & the good people of Vernal, young & old give me dancing parties every one doing there part for no charge so that I should receive all. So the way was opened for me & I was at Salt Lake City ready before the appointed time, with enough means to fitt me up with my need's & pay my fare to Liverpool England. Thus the Lord's servant the Patriach's words that I should not lack for mean's to take me where the Lord called me to go. Also the same blessing was given me by the Lord's servant on seting me apart for my mission & ordaining me to the office of seventy in the Salt Lake Temple. This blessing and ordinaltion (sic) will also be found with my personal record in otner part of book. My mother with my younger Bro Ellis then between 14 or 15 year old, left Vernal the later part of Sept 1897 with team and wagon taking me to Salt Lake City. Them days was a long & hard trip not very good roads. It took a week to travel from Vernal to Salt Lake if you had good luck. We attended the Oct Conference visited with my sister's Mrs. Richard Hemsely & Mrs Thomas A. Ball's both living at Sugar House Ward. Many of my friend's also paid me visit's & give me some parties at my sisters home. I report on time for my mission & was set apart & ordained a Seventy Oct 7th 1897, (p. 18) by Elder Elias S. Kimball then president of Southern State Mission. At this time I also received my blessing's & endowments in the Salt Lake Temple. There was a large company of missionary's. The number I do not recall. We received some very valuable instructions from our beloved President Wilford Woodruff, some I remember to

this day. One was bothering preach the first principal's of the Gospel. Never mind preaching the gathering, There was a time when we did preach gathering, but I say to you in the name of the Lord, If you teach the first first principal's of the Gospel they (the people) will gather & nothing will stop them, & I seen that was true. Another saying I have never forgotten, Be as wise as a serpent but as armless has a dove. We left Salt Lake for our mission around 15th of Oct with our relatives & many friends at depo wishing us good by. Stoped at Philadelphia. Visited at old Liberty Hall & Liberty Bell. Went throught the U.S. Mint then onto Chicago, visited there for some time between trains. Then on to Washington D C. Meet the President Wm McKinley shaked hands with him visited through the White House & Library & Senate Chambers. Sat in Chair of Utah Senator, also visited Congress & sat in chair of Utah Congressman. Was also taken through army buildings & seen the large army gun's. Could walk through some to the gun's they were that large. Also visited through Supreme Court building & went to top tower which gave a grand view of city. Then on to New York City. Visited there w hile vessell was geting ready to sail for Liverpool England. We left New York about 23rd of Oct 1897 & after 12 days on Ocean with voyage ruff sometimes & some seasickness. We Landed at Liverpool 4th Nov. We was meet by Elders from Liverpool office & taken by them to office at 42 Islington Street where we meet Bro Rulon S. Well's & James McMurrin Presidency of European Mission. Here we had a wash & clean up, as also lunch. For we could now eat having been on sea so long. If you have never had the experience, you should get it. Here they slice the bread so thin that to (p. 19) one just landing would fold the slice together & it was gone. Would eat until you was ashamed to take anymore, than look for a chance to go out & find a eating place & get a meal which could be goten for 2 or 3 penny's. Well after a short visit we was called together for meeting and eached asked to express himself & state if

he or any of his people came from any particular place, & as I remember all did have some place. Which of course I did also, as I said before was only 9 yrs sence I left that land. But not like the other's I Kept it to myself. We had a very nice meeting a spritual feast. Had been given some good instruction's & advice, then all was appointed to there different field's of labour. Myself was left out to last having no desire for any particular place. Bro Wells said I seem to be a loan sheep. Then after some pause & what seem to be of deep thinking he said the only place I see for you is to the Welsh Conference. Then it was I told of the promise made to me when a sick child given up for dead, that I should live to go to Zion & return to my native land & preach the gospel. That it was only 9 yrs since I had left my native land of Wales for Zion & hear I was in fulfilment of that promise. Bro Well's with the rest of the gathering at the meeting was over come with my testermony. All of the company left that day for there different field's of labour. But myself I had to waite untill next morning for train to take me to Cardiff Wale's the headquarters of the Welsh conference. I visited some of the Saint's at Liverpool with the missionary's of Liverpool & attended mutual meeting with them that night. The next morning found myself leaving Liverpool by train for Cardiff Wale's, passing through some of the towns & villages I new as a boy. Even a short stop at home station where we left 9 yrs before going to Zion. I new well the old station master as I seen him out of my train window, where you was locked in untill you arrived at your journey's end. The train's you travell in is not like the train car's in USA. There they are built running cross way's & not longways (p. 20) something like a box car with door on both side's. The seat & 2 long one's facing each other. When you get on train you give your ticket to conductor then you are locked in untill you get to your geting off place. I don't know what one would do if they needed to get out, unless they used the window. Well I remember riding the train once on

my mission. I was not in the habbet of riding much. I did most of my traveling on foot, because I was not over flush with mean's. But this time I was riding & a drunk got in car & all he did was make a noise trying to sing some not to good of a song. There was women in the car but they did not seem to mind. You could do nothing anyway about it only just sit & take it. Well I am on my way to Cardiff & finly landed there late in the afternoon of Nov. 5th, what they call Guy Fox day. 2 of the Elders from the office was there on the plattform to meet me. They was dressed to look like native's with cap's on. Found out later that they thought of having some fun watching me waite & looking around for some one to meet me. But was much suprized that I should pick them out & walk up to them saying well here I am, when do we leave. I had the laugh on them. They wanted to know how I new. O I said I have seen Englishmen and Yankey's before. We had a little laugh. We took tram, what we call street car, only these was double deck. We took the top so we could see all over the city as you ride for it is all open. Just like riding on the top of a house. We rode about 2 to 4 miles to the conference house at 144 Cathays terrace w here I met the conference president Wm Crane from Riverton Salt Lake County, and more of the Elder's as also some of the Saint's. They right away started talking about taking me out that night & holding street meeting, while I confess I did have a shakey feeling. I acted (p. 21) brave & said, OK with me that's what I am here for. So I had my first break in as a missionary that night, on the street corner, under acity lamp post in Cardiff Wales. But it was not my first experience on the street meeting for I thought of the times I went out on the street with the Elder's in my home town when a boy to hold there hat & umbrella while they preached to the people. Well from now on I had not much time to think about home & such things & get home sick. for now I was a real missionary, a servant of the Master, there to do his will & warn the people of the restored gospel & I confess I did not know much about it myself. So Had to do much studying, wnich I did also much

fasting & praying. I use to get up early in the morning going without breakfast to a park also used for cemetery for the cemetery's look like parks with green grass & trees & Flower's as also seat's for people to sit down. This was not very far from the mission house. It was on one of these visits that I had an experience that I shall never forget, & to me was a real testermony. I went as usual without eating breakfast & it was a beautyfull morning. I had been reading my Bible which I carried with me. I had been there some time reading & studying when a funeral come up to a open grave not far from where I sat & commenced there service with people of course feeling bad & some feeling came over me so I felt somthing like home sickness, as though I was all alone & I was feeling bad also, so much so that I felt myself weaping also. Then a voice over my shoulder spoke has plain has I ever heard anyone speek. Now aint you Follish. Here you are left your home & all you have to come and preach your religion to these people when they have the religion & are just as serious has you are. I felt to use the word (aufull) & try hard has I could to shake it off I could not. I really felt sick, so went back to the mission house and (p. 22) I must have looked sick to the landlady for she meet me at the door and asked what was the matter if she could do anything for me that I must eat somthing. To all I said no, that I would be alright. I wanted to be left alone. Going to the bathroom & locking the door I went to my Heavenly Father in prayer. I talked to him as if talking to my own mother & soon a voice came to me again but sounded to me different. I know it made me feel much different. This time it spoke as follow's, "You know the gospel is true & it is your mission to preach, faith repentence, baptism by immersion for remission of sin, the laying on of hand's for the gift of the Holy Ghost, to testerfy that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God & that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God. My what a different feeling came over me. I never felt sick and alone anymore, But I felt as though I could face anyone, yes the whole world. Let me say that I never had no feeling for home after that, or was I

ever felt left alone. I laboured some time at mission office, tracting from door to door with other Elder's & visiting the Cardiff Saint's, holding street meetings also attending meetings & Sunday school & MIA meetings in our little chapel there at mission house. I was thankfull for this experience before going out into the field for I was very much in need of it. I was also thankfull for the small part I had in the church at home, also my sunday school & MIA & other meetings I attended was now all very beneficial to me. I got to like open air street meetings. Got so I would rather hold & attend them than indoor meetings. I had one companion who like street meetings also & we both sang pretty good together at least we could draw the people to us. Like most all missionary's we had our funny things happen & some experience's not so nice. But when we would all get together & each tell of there experience & the many things that would happen, they would call for many good laugh's. (p. 25)
I am sure that street meetings while they have some disadvantages they give the missionary much more experience at the same time I also think that if you can get home visits meet the people in there homes and have good hart to hart talk, will result in better missionary work, and many times the street meetings give you this chance. Someone in the crowd somtime will get interested enough to ask you for a home visit & go with them to visit there minister. I have had such happen to me, but it turned out has I told the man once who asked me to meet his minister that the minister would not talk or have anything to do with me. The man himself turned on his minister & would have no more to do with him. I shall no doubt have more to say latter about some of these experiences but now has I was saying I laboured at mission home for something like 2 months or more untill we had our conference. My first conference of course. The Elder's all came in with different story's of experience's. Meeting each other, many for the first time & the Saints coming from different part's of mission & some visiting Elders Missionary's from other Mission's in England to visit with

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friends. It was on one such visit's that Uncle Job Hemsley came down from London where he was labouring as a missionary to visit me & we indeed did have a grand visit for a week. I took him to many parts of Wales & he seen many things & many people how they work & live. We also at the time had a Welsh music festival at Cardiff for 3 or 4 days & we enjoyed it very much. Bro Hemsley said he had never seen or heard anything like it before. Our conference usually last 2 days or longer. There was at this time came to conference a elderly sister named Rosser as I learned the name later. She was talking to our landlady at the home in the room where I was & I could tell they was talking about me at least I felt they was, which turned out as I learned later they was. Sister Rosser was asking who I was, what my name (p. 24) was. The landlady told her my name & that I was the new elder in the mission. Well said sister Rosser I care not what his name his, I do know that he his Ann Ellis or Martha Ellis is boy & I am going to find out. Now as you know my mother is Ann Ellis & Martha Ellis is my mother's sister. So the dear old soul came over to me and said, is your mother Ann Ellis or Martha Ellis? I said I was the son of Ann Ellis. She throwed her arms around my neck & cried & hugged me to her bosom like I was her lost son, saying, my boy my boy, Your mother & I was girls in the church together years ago. We have tramped these hills of wales many miles to attend meeting & we both sang in the Welsh Choir. Nowthey have all gone & I am left alone. I can't explain the joyfull feeling I had in meeting this dear old sister, it seemed to pay me for all I left home for. I had to promise that I would visit her at there home before she would let me go. She lived out on a little farm in the country long way from Cardiff. But she had come to conference & met me & like myself was overjoyed with our meeting. My visit to her home came later & will tell about it then. Of course I told my mother in my letter to her about this good sister. My mother in her letter's back to me verified what was said & she also was pleased

to hear about her dear friend & told me that she was a true Latter Day Saint, which I had the knowledge of knowing for myself that was so, for sister Rosser was a blessing to the missionary & the people around her. Well at this conference I received my call to be sent out in the field & the mission or conference president did not at the time know it but he sent me to my old home, where I was born and brought up to the age of 13 yrs when I left for Zion 9 yrs before this time & thus fullfilling the promis to me when a sick child given up for dead, that I should live to go to Zion & return to (p. 25) preach the gospel, given by the servant of God then at my parents home a missionary. The promise was fulfill to the letter. I was sent to Newport a sea port town like Cardiff to make my headquarters & with another Elder we took up lodgings with afamily who was not members of the church, but good Christian people. It was at this home that I recognized the photo of a man on the wall as my school teacher of the lower grades when I was a school boy at my home village Cumlran, 8 miles from this city. On inquiring I found the photo to be the brother of our landlady. She was much suprized that I knew him & told me that he was now a Baptist minister & would be paying them a visit on the week end, which he did. Our meeting was very pleasant & of course we was pleased as also suprised to meet, but I could not get him to talk religion, or would he have anything to say to me. His visit was short & I never got to see him again. If he ever visited again it must of been when he new I was not there & I never heard of any more of his visits. I think also he must have told his sister somthing about us, for while she seemed plesant she was rather distant & very little to say. We had a few members of the church here as I remember about 7 in all. There had in the past been more, but moved away. Newport at one time had a good sized branch, presided over by a local Elder Lloyd, an elderly man (who) was called old John Lloyd the Ladder maker,because he made ladders & delivered them on his back. He

would carry a ladder for miles that way. Well he was still here at Newport as presideing Elder. He liked his calling & was faithful. He new my mother & said he had been at our home many times & it was then that I seem to remember something of him. Well it was here that I had my first calling to administer to the sick. I was at this time alone with no companion & Bro Lloyd was sick. He had much faith. When I got through administering to him he got up & went (p. 26) with me to visit & administer to a sister Griffith who was sick (this was Dec 7th 1897) & she also recovered. We tracked the city held cottage meetings & some street meetings & had few investigating. My companion a middle age man in fact old enough to be my dad. He was at this time always looking for his release, he had been in the field close to 2 yrs & it seem to me he had lost interest & made it rather hard for me. I remember he baptized a man at the mans home in the bath tub. I thought it strange & said that I did not think it would amount to much & it sure didn't for he just as well been a bag of sand. I think of what the apostle Paul said when he found some that was cold in the faith after been baptized. He thanked God he baptized none of them. Well the Elder was finally released & for a time found myself alone & it was at this time that I found out what was wrong with the Elder. He was a man with a wife & large family at home in Zion, but he got in wrong with a women here who was a church member. One of about his own age who was not married. That was my first experience of straighting out family troubles especially of that nature. The Elder when faced with it by his ward Bishop at home admitted his guilt. I was about this time along in December month 1897 that I visited my old home Cumlran. I walked the 8 miles or maybe it was nearer 12 miles from Newport but I enjoyed the walking it gave me a chance to visit & go over the same road that I had done when a boy. I followed the canal bank seeing the loaded boat pulled by the horse from the bank, talked to the boatman I used to know. Same boatman & same outfit that was when I

Lived there went around through the wire (?) works. Visited the spot where as a boy of 10 years old was baptized & on to the row of houses where I was born & visited in the very house No 9 & took lunch there by invitation of the family that lived there. People that myself & my parents family was acquainted with. The same people that (p. 27) was our neighbors still lived in the houses & I had a wounderfull time telling them all about our parents & family & about Utah & the people that lived there. Visited with one of my boy chums & he put on his best close when he got home from work & went out with me visiting. I stayed with this boy friend Arthur Woods over night. Cumlran is just a small village. It as the one side a wire(?) works & the other side a steel works & blast furnace & it is on the main R.R. line to England on up to London, with branch lines going to parts of Wales. I shall not take the place here to say more about Cumlran as I have given a more detailed description else where in this narrative. I visited the foundry & steel works where I used to work. The same men that I used to work with was still there. I new them & would call them by name, but it took them a little while to know who I was. It was here that I layed off my missionary coat & duffee hat & did the work I use to do as a boy, to the suprize of all. I received a real thrill it was like geting back home. It was here also that I met my Sunday school teacher of the Wesleyearn Methodist church & showed him the little pocket testerment he gave me on my leaving for Utah. Well it was all a very nice visit & brought back many pleasant memories. I now took leaf of Cumlran & my friends & went up to Ponty druid & visited the graves of my Bro & sisters. Burried there in the church yard. I also visited the tin plate works where my older sisters Mary Ann & Martha use to work. Then on up the line to Pontypool road station. It was here that I had an experience I desire to relate. I walked from the station to find my fathers sister who I new lived somwhere there. I only new

her name as Aunt Emily. I could not recall her married name. As I was walking towards the city I came to a narrow street going rather up hill with cobble stone street. I noticed the name Trosnant street & I recall that name & started up that street when 2 women came to there doors (p. 28) the houses been in a row & close together. I steped up to them & taking a photo of my grandfather, on my fathers side, from my inside coat pocket (& by the way I cant recall to this day how I came to have that photo on me), showing them the photo at the same time telling them I was looking for the daughter of this man, that the man was now dead I new but wondered if they remembered seeing the man around. They thought they had & asked me the women name. I said her name use to be Emily Davis a sister of my father, but had forgotten her married name. One of the women spoke up & said I'll back it is Emily Bow Wow. I new that nick name & said that's the women I am looking for & new she use to live on that street. Yes said the women she lives on top of the street. We will take you to her. And we started walking up the street and had gotten half way when a women steped out of her door with her bare arms foulded across her brest. When I said that's the women I'm looking for I new her as soon has I seen her. Yes said the women with me she is the one we are taking you to. Well I thanked them & said I now wanted to meet her alone & walking up to her (for she still stood there) I said how do you do. She repeated the same to me only rather in snappy way. I said you have any brothers. Yes she said, my brothers Tom & Joe went to Australia; my bro Dan went to the states (meaning america) & my bro Jack (that was my father) he went with the Saint's (meaning of course the LDS church). But she said who in the name of God are you. Well I said I am one of the sons of that Bro Jack who went with the Saints. Up went both arms, at the same time leting out a yell you could here her all over the street. She was so excited she run into the house calling to her husband who by the way

has I learned was up stairs sleeping for he was working night. But all she could yell; My Bro Jack son from America. Well the husband, poor fellow, was not so easy to wake up, so up the stairs she went all the time yelling wake up, my Bro Jacks son is here from America. Soon I heard a noise & down the stairs she came dragging (p. 29) her man by the shirt collar for that was all he sleep in a flanning shirt the length below the knee's. Well she was dragging him down the steps about 15 in number bump bump & all the time calling & myself laughing at the site. Well by the time she got to the bottom her man was at least partly awake. Well as I sat there with some of the noise over a voice over my shoulder said "Don't you remembering seeing this before." Why yes I said to myself that was the dream I had back home in Vernal before I received my mission call. Now I bear testermony that I had in a dream or vision in the night the very things I have told about from start to finish, but it was taken away from me as soon has it was showed to me so that I new nothing of the dream untill it all happened & the voice spoke to me. Well I visited with them & another sister of my father's who lived a short distance away. I made this first visit rather short, but did visit them from time to time & they always treated me fine, but had no use for the religion. This aunt Emily Watkin's, wife of James Watkins had 7 sons, & one of them, the oldest went around with me when ever I got around that way & (he) wanted to save his money & return home to Zion with me but his mother was much against it. Would not alow it. Well when the 1st World War was on all 7 was call in the army & only 2 of them returned. That was the last word I received from any of them. I now went from here on up to Pontypool where my father & mother was married & a few miles fartner on to a place called the Garn Diffirth (?) on the hill side from Aberchyan where my parents lived & where there first children was born. My 2 older sisters Mary Ann & Martha & also my oldest Bro Dan was born there. It was here also at Aberchyan that I meet a faithfull old sister & her daughter.

A sister Shortman who also new my mother very weil. The daughter Alice Shortman left her native land for Zion sometime before I was released from My Mission. She having no friends to go to I give her a letter to my sister's at (p. 30) Sugar House where she met my boy friend John Wheeler & became his wife. I visited my father's sisters many times whenever the chance came that I was around where they lived & also held some meetings in the home of some of there family's. Be it remembered that fatner had 3 Brothers & four Sisters. The brothers all left Wales; 2 for Australia one for USA. Sisters all left in Wales. Mary wife of Thomas Roberts at Abertillery coal miner. Susan, wife of James Hobbs shoe maker at Griffith Town near Pontypool. Emily wife of James Watkins Pontypool. Anne wife of T homas Morgan coal miner at Ferndale Rhonda valley Glamoranshire. Also visited my fathers cousins the Thomas's & Evans's at Rymney & Merthyr Glamoranshire, all at Rhondda valley where my father was born. It was from these people that I first received information about our name changed from Thomas to Davies. Later had it confirmed by my father. You will find some of these cousins of father on the family record sheet's with Temple work done for as much as I was able to receive at time. No doubt could have gotten much more if I had at the time knowledge & experience of Genealogy & temple work that I have at present. They were fine people & treated me very well, but seem to be well satisfied with what religion they had. One was a Baptist minister. All was blessed with musical talent. I spent all my mission in the Welsh conference from Nov. 5, 1897 to Dec. 1899 & enjoyed my mission very much & received many testermonies of the truth of the gospel through the administration of the sick. Two outstanding cases I will here relate for the benifit of you who may read these pages. When at Cardiff I was called to go and administer a very sick boy. The doctor said he could not live. Taking Elder Clark with me we went to the home as directed by the childs grandmother who was member of the

church. The parents was not member of the church. We give name to child then blessed & administered to it & the child was mediately heald. Dr. when called asked the mother what she had done, for only a miracle could have done it. A few days later when I called, the mother told me to look out (p. 31) of the window & see the child playing with other children & the change was so I did not know the child. The other case was at Glasgow, Scotland while visiting there a few days waiting for my passage home. Having been released from my mission to return home & was to sail from Glasgow Dec. 7th. 1899. It was Sunday Dec 3 after afternoon meeting of the Scottish conference & all the missionary's was present as also the presidency of European mission & some visiting Elders. We was having our lunch when four of the local Saints wanted to be administered. One brought his daughter and a girl about 12 yrs old who was blind from some sickness when a child. He wanted her administered to having faith she could be heald. We Elders formed a prayer circle having the girl siting on chair in center. Bro McMurrin anointed with oil & what a feeling was felt by all. Bro McMurrin was over come in his speeking. Bro Platt D Lyman confirmed the anointing & Bless the girl. He to was over come as was all the Elders. Father & girl went home. The next morning early as we was geting ready for conference (Priesthood meeting Dec. 4th.) the father came all out of breath & over come with joy the girls eye sight had been restored & she could see. Both Bro Lyman & McMurrin was of the Presidency of European mission. The 3 other Saints was also administer to for there health & received the blessings. (p. 1-0) This is a supplement to the manuscript and repeats an experience which is found on pages 21-22 of this manuscript. (p. 1-2 There does not seem to be a page 1-1.) Some time after this when I was laboring in the town of Abertillery where I was called to do missionary work, I with another Elder who had not long been in the mission field, we was holding a street meeting. We had a large

crowd, would say from 2 to 5 hundred. I had been speaking & on closing bore my testermony to the work of the prophet Joseph Smith when up went a roar & they started calling old Joe Smith & so on & looked as though we was going to get mobbed. I pushed my way back through the noisy crowd, my companion trying to stop me thinking I was going to get hurt, but I felt not afraid & pushed myself on to the curb where I had been preaching & raising both arms commanded them with a loud voice, in the name of Jesus Christ to be silent & right then the noise stoped. It was like the roaring of a storm just been stoped & all was quiet. Then I spoke again told them I new what they thought, that Joseph Smith was our God we worshipped. But told them the kind of God we did worship. Then bore my testermony again of Joseph been a prophet of God like the prophets of old that they read about in the Bible. Well it turned out to be a very good meeting, no more noise & the crowd became our friends took all the gospel tracts we had & we never had enough. Could have given out many more. Some investigated and we had many friends. It was not long before we had to get some place large enough to hold meetings in. We was able to rent one large room & the good people paid the rent. We then organized a Sunday School & MIA & had some baptisms. That was another testermony to me of the mission of the prophet Joseph Smith & I have ever been gratefull to my heavenly Father for it. Well I enjoyed my mission & when the time came for me to leave it was harder to leave those good Saints & friends then it was to leave home for my mission. (p. 31 for completion of this page) I had left Cardiff, head of Welsh mission on Sat the day before this Sunday would be Dec. 2nd having been released from my mission to return home & was to sail from Glasgow on the 7th Dec. so I had 4 or 5 days to visit some of Scotland which I did with my friend John Smith a missionary from Sugar House Ward. I had an experience when I landed at Glasgow. It was Sat night 9:30. Had left Wales 9:30 in morning shut in train for 12 hours,

traveled 350 miles. Elder Smith was to meet me at train but was busy with other Elders advertising the conference for the next day Sunday, so did not get to meet train at station. There I was in a strange city with strange talk that was differcult for me to understand & talk about girls all there gabing & trying to help me with my bags & where I wanted to go. I had bag or valise in each hand (p. 32) & not knowing where to go in that city had forgotten address of mission home. I finly got through the girls by geting them out of my way with my bags & got a cabbie. Said he where to, I said anywhere from here, got in cab & told him to drive on. It was a one horse afare with the driver on high seat on outside of cab. While siting in cab & did some thinking & silent praying when all at once the name holmhead st came to me. I put my head out of window & asked the driver if he new Holmhead st was. That I do he said & what no. I dont know but drive to bottom of street, which he did. Said I, do you know of any Mormon preachers here. No said (he) never heard of the name. The street was narrow so had him walk up one side & me the other inquiring at every house for the Mormons & I got next to the house the lady said she did not know but there was some strange people next door & they sometimes have strange meetings. Found the place, paid the cab man. The room was about full with Elders geting arrangements for the conference next day Sunday. Was there also 3 lady missionarys from Utah. Sisters Booth, Chipman & Frame. Well I said you are a fine lot of missionarys even your neighbors all around you know nothing of you. Never heard of you. They made me at home. Soon Elder Smith came & all was fixed up. Conference all next day. It was between the afternoon meeting & evening meeting that the 4 people came to be administer & receive a blessing. Next day from 10 AM to 4 PM had priesthood meeting & it was 6 hours of a spiritual feast. The rest of the time until my ship Ethiopia sailed Dec 7th was enjoyed visiting places of interest & visiting some of the Saints in company with Elder Smith.

On the afternoon at 3 P.M. Dec 7th 1899 got on ship & started sailing down the Clyde out into the ocean with ankerchiefs waving from friends on land & sea. At 7 oclock morning Dec 8th stoped at Moville Bay Irlend to pick up mail & passengers. Sea was ruff & some was sea sick before evening. Not many was up next morning. Sea (p. 33) very ruff all night. Some of the Saints & Elders very sick. We was called on to administer to some. Myself finely got down. About 4 days before I was able to sit at table & take my meals. From then on enjoyed the trip. The ship Ethiopia was 413 feet in length 46 feet wide. Carried 4000 tons. Is 27 years old. We had 3 hundred passangers on board. 48 was Saints & 18 returning Elders. We landed at 9 AM Dec 22nd. The last night all was feeling fine & we had a concert. Had me singing a few songs. The ship was not very fast but safe. We made each day from 95 miles to 207 miles our best time. It took some time to pass Doctors, get bag(g)age off & inspected. We had breakfast on ship at 7 oclock. All was up at 4 oclock looking for land, which was Sandy Hook. Here the pilot got on board ship to pilot us into harbour. It took about 3 hrs to get inspection & check baggage & happy when we fin(al)ly got off again on good old US soil. The church agent was there to meet compnay & arrange for our RR trip. My baggage as all others was checked to New York & Ontario & Western RR where we all had to go. Myself & another Elder Brown was appointed to go with the ticket agent to RR office in the city, after wnich Elder Brown & Myself & another Elder Holdbrook took in some of the sites of New York. We took electric car over the Brooklan bridge & on to 53 Concord street to the church office of the Easter states mission where I found 2 missionary friends. After a nice visit we returned to RR depo(t). Found the company about ready to leave. From here we was ferryed over the river on ferry boat to Buffalo & the Great Ni(a)ggara falls. Then on

our way at 7:15 PM. Dec 22nd over the New York and Ontario Wester RR going through the timber country of Winsor where we crossed Lake Erie on boat & over to Detroit & on through the state of Michigan to Chicago arriving there at Midnight Dec. 23rd. Here we was meet again by another agent of RR & taken in cabs to the (p. 34) Chicago & Alton RR from which we went through the state of Illinois by way of Bloomington, Springfield & the state of Iowa to Kansas City arriving there Sunday the 24th. But it does not look like Sunday with all business house's open with everything going like any other day. We stayed a few hours for train connection & some of the company going to Arizona. We did not see much of city for it was snowing very hard the afternoon we left Kansas; going by way of Union Pacific Rd. through the state of Kansas to Denver, Colorado. This is Dec. 25th. Xmas Day, which I had hopes of been with some of my folks & friends at Sugar House, Salt Lake. At Denver had to lay over 4 or 5 hours, so took in some of the City & also a bath at the city baths. Cost 25¢. Left Denver in the afternoon going by way of Cheyenne Wyoming, through that state of Wyo. to Rocksprings & Green River to Ogden, Utah arriving there at 6:30 PM. Dec 26th. my birthday. After a short layover was on our way for Salt Lake City where we landed at 9 PM. After checking my baggage took street car for Sugar House to homes of my sisters, Mary Ann Hemsley & Martha Ballis. All was in bed. Going around to bedroom window of my sister Mary Ann's I rap(p)ed on window which happened to be the room of girl Sarah Ann. On hearing my voice she sang out, Uncle Charley. G(u)ess her parents at first thought the girl dreaming, but she told them it was me around at window. They soon had door open & a big surprise. They new I was on my way home, but had no way of knowing when I should arrive. Well we visited with both sisters & family's also my friends the Wheeler family untill passed midnight. Retired to be at my sister Mary Ann Hemsley's very tired from my travelling. Was up next morning early

feeling fine. Spent the day visiting with my relatives & friends & writing letters, also going with my brother in law Tom Ball with horse & light wagon to R R Depo(t) for trunk & baggage. Called also at church office & reported my mission & return home. Evening found me attending Ward choir (p. 35) practice where I met choir member friends of Sugar House Ward & received warm welcome home & very nice visit with all. I stayed at Sugar House my old home place visiting with my 3 sisters & familys & old friends attending parties. Reported my mission at church on Sunday, then on 11th of Jan 1900 took leave of all. By way of Denver & Royal grand RR to Price Utah where I landed at midnight. This beening the end of RR from here, now I must take stage to my home in Vernal, Uintah Co. Utah stage leaving Price in morning. I retired to bed at hotel. Was up next morning early & ready for stage which left Price at 9 AM for Vernal with mail & also 4 other passangers. We had to stop at noon at stage station for dinner & change of horses & driver. At evening another stop station, this time overnight at cost of $1.00. Next morning with anotner team & driver was on our way at 8 AM. Very cold. At noon stoped at another station for dinner & change horses. Arrived at Vernal 4 PM. 2 days on stage. Now we drive from Salt Lake to Verna in 4 hours over a beautyful road. What a change in a few years, & by plane from 15 to 30 minutes. Well upon arriving at Vernal was met by my father with pony & ligh(t) rigg. By way he had been meeting stage every day for several days woundering what was keeping me. Well we had 4 miles to drive home, but that did not take dad long, but I felt rather sorry for the pony. Well home again in motners arms after 15 months away & what a welcome home by all. The good people of our little Ashley Ward had been looking for me for a week with a big seprize party at our small church house, but had fooled them. But they was **not** to be fooled. They kept prepared so that evening Dad wanted me to attend a meeting with them at church. I tryed to beg off tired which I was but mother said I had better go with him or he

would not like. So of course I went & thats what the family all wanted; me out of the way so they could get ready to go also. We did not have far to walk to the church. The lights was on low & I though(t) it must be quite a meeting,(p. 36) by the number of wagons & horses there & it was quite a meeting, a big su(r) prize party for me. As I steped into hall more lights was turned on & a big shout of suprize went up from all, old & young. Table was all layed out with everything to eat & I soon found myself amoung real friends. The building we used for school house & also church. Had a big supper, very fine program, then danced untill after midnight. I think it would be well here to relate the experience my mother & my young Bro Ellis then about 12 years old had upon returning home to Vernal from Salt Lake City where they had taken me to Salt Lake for my mission. It seems they had stayed a few days longer than they should have visiting with the girls Mary Ann & Martha & family's. But the stay seemed to be what had to be for when ready to leave they found out some Saints, a couple Man & Wife had just came to Salt Lake from Welsh mission (Emergrants) & wanted a way to Vernal where they was going to make there home with Elder Thimithy a missionary to Wales a few years before. So mother took them along. It now get(t)ing late in season of year when they could expect storm trouble, which they did had rain & snow. The road got bad to travell. Run out of food for themselves & horses. One of the horses or both give out. They was still about 2 days from there journeys end & turned very cold. Mother never give up hope. She had much faith in the Lord. She new her prays would be answered so she prayed to her Father in Heaven, just asked for his help & about that time Elder Thimithy in Vernal just after retiring for the nightgot out of bed & told his wife to get up and pack all the food she had in a large camping box. Said he was going out to barn & get team on light wagon. His wife thought he was out of his head but he soon told her what he had been shown of the Lord. Said he had been showed the folks & they needed

his help, so while cold & stormy he loaded the wagon with plenty of feed for both horses & the people & drove off in the night & kept going untill he found them & took them on to Vernal. What a testermony to the power of prayer. No one can doubt that our Father in Heaven does (p. 37) hear & answer the prayers of his faithful children if they will but up there trust in him. Well I stayed home with my folks in Vernal doing odd jobs work & attending to church duties as called upon, by Sunday School & MIA. Was at this time also called on special stake mission in company with a young Elder for the MIA, visiting homes & doing regular missionary work. This I continued to do untill Feb. 22nd 1900 when having prepared a team & outfitt for travelling I left Vernal in company with my two younger Brothers Ellis & Fred for White River Nevada where our older Bro Wm J. had settled there a short time before. Been called there from St George with a company of other family's to settle that country & makes homes & build up the church. Now there are stakes & wards in that part & all over Nevada. We left I say on Feb 22nd & travelled overland through Southern & Western part of Utah. Had some little trouble in way of one horse keep giving out. Some animals are like some human beeings they give out very easy. We had one horse just like that. We layed over at a small settlement name I think Adamsville, out from Bever, where some folks of my missionary in Wales lived. The next day out from there we was meet by our brother Wm J. He thinking something was wrong for we was so long on the road started over road with team & sup(p)lys to meet us & we was sure pleased to meet with him for we still had a long way to go. We had now been on the road a few days short of a month. We had to travell slow & make many stops on account of the one horse we had. People we meet in all the settlements was of our same faith & they was good to us taking us in & feed for our team as also ourselves. Now Bro Wm had a good fresh team & could travell right along. He & Bro Ellis went on head. Fred & myself with our outfitt & of course our horse gave up again so we

could not keep up. We was now in a desert country of Nevada. Nothing but wild p(r)arie with homes from 20 to 30 miles apart. Bro wanted to make a certain place that evening so as to get home next night. We travelled by way of Modena & Deseret then (p. 38) North & West about 50 miles through White River valley. We had a long way to go to reach water, so as I say Bro Wm & Ellis went on to reach the place before night fall thinking we could keep coming, but the horse said no, for he stoped right there on the desert & no amount of persuasion could make him move. There was only one thing left for me to do, take harness off the other horse & go after my brothers that had gone on. So leaving Bro Fred in a small reverine (sic) for wind brake & what few matches we had so he could make a fire I went after them for a long way. It was midnight or toward morning before I found them camped. I wanted to go back with Bro Wm for was sure he would have a differcult time finding the place on the desert where I left him. But he insisted I stay there with the wagon & rest & him & Bro Ellis take there team & go back & it seemed to me they would never get back they was so long. I had nothing els(e) to do but waite. Then I offered up a prayer to my He(a)venly Father that they should find our Bro. Fin(al)ly I desided to go back & started on foot when to my joy I heard them coming. They found Fred after a long time & then only by a miracle. My Bro Wm said they looked everywhere then he offered a prayer. When he seen a spark of light go up & they followed it & found him. He had used what matches he had, only 2 I think, the fire had gone down he was cold & commenced to think I had left him. But again in answer to prayer, just one spark of that low fire went up & give the guide to him & we were united again. We finely landed at our Brother Wm home on the 20th day of March 1900. We had been a month on the road & was very thankfull to find our resting place at a small settlement called Lund in the White River valley where about 100 familys of LDS church had settled to build up the church there. Now at this writting they have stakes & wards

of the church there with the country all built up, with settlements everywhere. Bro Wm had a small farm like the rest in the valley & all was trying to make a go of it such as we do in a new settlement. Homes & fences to build, new land (p. 39) to break up. The land was about all meadow land, for raising hay & cattle. A large open country with the wind blowing every day also night. We all went to work fencing & geting water ditches to water the land & finly by June got the crop planted, so there was not a great deal of work for the 4 of us, so desided that myself & Bro Ellis would get work to earn some cash. So the month of June found us engaged out to a Dr Hagar in Ruby Valley 2 days drive from our valley, We went to the town of Cherry Creek a days drive with team. By Bro Wm there we meet Dr Hagar who came for us that night. Next morning Bro Ellis & myself went with good team & light rigg with a man Dr Hagar had hired to take us out to his cattle ranch on Ruby Valley. We travelled over the old overland road, only stop(p)ing once at a spring of water on the mountain pass for about 2 hours to feed team & ourselves. The team was young bronks so made good time. Arriving at the ranch that was to be our new home in time for breakfast next morning. The ranch was as all others. Meadow hay & cattle ranch of many hundred acres. The fence was 5 miles each way. The neighbors was from 20 to 30 miles apart. Each rancher that had children hired there own privet teacher & had school at home. They made there own amus(e)ment. When they wanted a party word went out to the ranchers about & all went taking there food & what music they had, traveling horse back wagons buckboards & light riggs or anything they had & just what they happen to have to wear. Cow boy garb, overalls or anything they called clothes. Plenty of good things to eat & they would have supper at midnight seting up tables or plank what they might have on the dance hall floor. Then dance untill sun up the next morning. I was invited to one of there parties & was a little backward about going but Mr Hagar insisted on me going from his ranch. So I went & all though I was a stranger

they took me in & show me a very good time by making me at home & one with them. They soon found out I was a (Mormon)(p. 40) & said if I was could sing as all mormons could sing. So they had me sing for them, more than once. Wel l I was always invited out to there parties, also to the rancher's home private parties & made many friends Dr. Father was on the ranch looking after things the best he could. He was a very fine old gentleman & could prepare a good meal & make the finest cream biscu(i)ts I have ever eaten. My Bro Ellis & myself was given a good sad(d)le horse & outfitt to ride. Keep the fence up. No trouble to care for cattle, was in good feed all the time, as long has the fence was kept up. I was soon put in ranch foreman & in the haying time Dr Hagar would send plenty of help from Cherry Creek where he lived & practice. We had things our own way Ellis & I. We put up miles of new fence that summer. Received $60.00 per month with good board & room's which was good pay at that time. Sunday was like any other day out there, no church to go to. Nothing but ranches & cattle & neighbors a long way apart. I stayed there until Sept. when I took leave, as I wanted to get back to Salt Lake City, for I had good reason to get back. My future companion for life was there waiting for me. Bro Ellis did not leave the ranch when I did, so with concent of Mr Hagar we hitched up a pair of bronks to the light buckboard & Ellis took me to Cherry Creek, from where I took the stage back to Lund (& my) Bro Wm place, with the intention of going right on to Salt Lake City with the first outfitt I could get to Modena, the train line. But when I got my Bro place they was busy puting up there grain & thrashing so wanted to help him. He was hawling the bundles of grain from field to home. Wanted to stack it in yard & thrash there. He had a rather steep gravel grade to his yard & did not have anything on front of wagon rack to stop the load of grain bundles from going forward. He was just going with his first load when I got there & I soon seen the condishion of the load. He had not much experience at farming. He was a very good bricklayer

& builder so I told him not to risk himself on that load, but could not talk (p. 41) him out of it & seeing him determine to go with load & knowing the danger I said you have a family to look after & I have not, so I will take the risk, which I did & no sooner started going down the grade when it happened. The (w)hole load went with me with it throwing me onto the double tree's of wagon & onto the horses heels. One of them kicked me in the forehead (& scar I still carry) droping me under the wagon, the load going over the lower part of my stomack. Of course the team run away. My Bro came & seen I could not speek. He I think thought I was killed carried me into the house & layed me on the bed. While I could not speek & new everything they was doing I heard my Bro wife say wounder if he want the Elders & I motioned with my head yes. So there was many there with the Priesthood the room was full. After they had prayer they administered to me & I new that I would be alright, which I was healed right then & talked & wanted to get up for I (k)new that I was healed. As this was a new place just geting settled there was no doctor anywhere around there. All the people trying to do what they could. But the greatest Dr of all was there with his holy spirit & I was healed immediately. This I testerfy to & so could all present. The third day one of the men was going to St George Utah for his family with team & wagon & of course was going by Modena where I wanted to take train for Salt Lake City. So I decided to go with him, Bro & the folks thought I should waite for a while longer, it was taken to much chance, but I said I was OK so when Mr. Hendricks was ready to leave I was ready also & went with him. But when we stoped on the road for noon lunch I received another experience not so soon forgotten. For when I went to get up off the ground I could not move my limbs. It was as though I was paralyzed from my waist down could not moved. Well there was one thing to do call on the Lord again for help. I asked Hendricks if he was not a Elder in the church. Said he was. But when I asked him to administer to me, said (p.42)

he could not, never had and did not want to try. So there I sat, could not moved & I new something had to be done by ourselves, so told him to put his hands on my head & repeat after me what I said & when Amen was said by us both I could move & got up well & have never had any effect from the hurt sence & have done all kind of heavy work & lifting sence that time. Now 47 years have passed. We finly reached Modena from where I took train to Salt Lake City where I arrived early morning Oct 7th. Conference of the church was on. Found a Barbar shop open & he charged me $1.00 for shave & attended conference after which I went to Sugar House & made my home with my sister Emily & family. Got work at the shale & rock beds at Parleys Canyon untill winter weather stoped the work. I spent the winter doing different kinds of work. Helped on the ward church. Attended to church duty's that was assigned me. Ward teaching, choir & MIA & Sunday school & of course took in all the parties that came along with my lady friend who later became my wife & companion. In March 1901 found me as sales man for the Atlantic Tea Company, having as my district all west of Main street selling at homes tea coffee & all kind of spices & baking powder & extracts. Going on foot from door to door. In June was appointed teacher of the Theological class in Sunday school, Sugar House ward, also about the same time was called & set apart as councelor to President Wm Thompson in the YMMIA. This summer got me driving horse & rubber-tire buggie, so drove to city every morning taking my girl friend with me for she also worked up town at McDonals Candy Company. Would use the outfitt for my work now save time & walking & call for the girl in evening & take her out home also. We used to go for drives & get quite a shine. Attended dancing party's at Millcreek & Murray Wards. My girl was also at this time calledto the Primary stake board of the Granite stake & we would drive to the different wards in stake she had to visit. Well Dec. 5th 1901 was our happy wedding day. We drove that morning with horse & buggie to the Salt Lake Temple. Had to be there at 8:30. We was sealed together man

& wife by President John R. Winder. (p. 43) This was the best & safe's investment I ever made. All preparations had been made before hand for the wedding reception, which was held at wifes parents home on 13th East & now Westminister Ave. The home not been large enough we hired & had set up 3 large tents. One for large dinning room & one for kitchen & waiting room; one for reception room & program. Had hired a piano from music store at city. Sent out 150 invatations. Had a lady cook hired to prepare big dinner. Had wedding cake made. The wife made nice small boxes tied with ribbon into which was placed a piece of wedding cake for each to take home. We had a very large crowd. All came & some of our boy friends we did not invite. They came with all kinds of tin pans & old buckets, anything to make a noise. But they soon left after giving them a treet. We received from our friends enough furnature & things to set up house keeping. The party lasted all night some stayed & had breakfast with us. I was said we had the largest wedding & the nicest ever held. All had a good time. They came from far & near. Some of our relations came from Rock Springs Wyoming. We had lots of good friends & many relations. For the first 4 or 5 weeks untill we could get a home we made our home at the wifes home. I got work at anything or anywhere where I could receive the most money, as we had in mind a home of our own. We cared not what kind, just so it was home we could call our own. We both kept on with our church duties, the wife with her Primary work & Kindergarten class in Sunday School. We finly found a house to rent on Emerson Ave, so we moved where we could be by ourselves & have our young friends come & visit with us. The house needed some fixing which we was to do at our own expence; & could live there as long as we wanted, so long as we paid the rent which we did always in advance. We both spent a lot of time & w orked hard fixing up the home & was just starting to enjoy ourselves with our friends coming to visit us, when all at once the party without saying anything to us sold the home & the party buying wanted to live so we was to move out.

We was only in the home 2 months, just long enough for us to work hard & fix it up for someone els(e) to enjoy. You may imagine how we felt. We felt like (k)nocking the house to pierce's. (p. 44) We made up our minds right then we would rent no more. We already had bought some building lots on a new addition that was been opened up on 12th street & Ramona Ave. next to now where the New Sugar House Ward chapel is. The wife said to get a tent. Said she would rather live on that than rent again. It showed she had the real pioneer sp(i)rit. I thought it was very swell of her, but was sure I could do better that that, so I went & seen Bro Burton of the Burton Lumber Company where I used to work as a lad. Told him my intention; that I had the land & wanted enough material to put up 2 rooms-12-12 each. That I did not have any money but would pay on the monthly payments like paying rent. Sure my boy he said can have all you want, very glad to help you. Have you a carpenter(?) I said yes Bro Thomas Balls is my brotherinlaw, I know I can get him. He said that's fine, get him to fig(g)er out the bill of material you need & bring it to me & we will have it out to you right off so you can get to work & get your home built. Bro Tom Balls figered out the bill & soon a 4 horse load was out. We soon got the fram(e) up & boards on Tom helping me all he could untill house was up. We had no elictrict light's then so the wife would hold the light. With her help soon had the lath on inside then my other brotherinlaw Tom White a plaster did the plastering in between his daily work. With me helping soon we had our home. Not much then to look at, but it was home sweet home. We planted shade trees, put out a fruit orchard & made a real home, where most of our children was born. I now began to work at state prison as guard, late summer or fall of 1902 & in between time working to improve our home. Dug cellar under house. Bought more lots so now we owned 6 lots. Fenced it all picket fence on front. Board fence on back. Had chickens. Made place for children play & was happy in our home knowing that no one could tell us to move & also whatever improvements we put

on place was for us. 5 of our 7 children was born in this home. Wife give up her primary stake board work. To much for her & raising her family, but continued with her ward primary work always taking her children with her. Myself was now also appointed to take charge of the Sunday School singing at a branch that was just (p. 45) organized at East Bench about 3 or 4 miles from the ward, Now known as Parley's Ward. My work at prison was mostly at night. Was able to attend every Sunday morning which I did & enjoyed the work & the nice walk there & back home. Well we pulled together the wife & I also the children & got our place paid for & soon was able to buy another home across the street that was for sale. A larger house & more convenient home for our now growing family. It was about this time I was called by the Governor of the state of Utah & the prison warden to take charge of prisoner's on the road to do road work. The law had been passed by the state legislature for that work to be done & I of all the guards was called for to take charge of that work. I tried to beg off. I was interested in my home & family. I would not concent untill I talked the matter over with the wife. So they gave me 2 weeks off with pay to talk it over with the wife. The governor called it 2 weeks honey moon. It was now the fall of 1911 & the prisoner's was to be taken to St George Utah to road work for the winter. Nothing could stop me from going, so geting the men & all the outfitt ready we left the prison in fall. Am not sure about month or date but think Sept or early Oct. Took all horses & wagons loaded with our tents, road machinery & tools for the work 12 or 15 outfitts in all & one guard with myself & enough men (18) from the prison to care for horses. Each driver taking of his own outfitt & men to attend camp & cook on the road. Also had team on light white top rigg for me to use in camp to go for supplys when need to or any use I need with them. Also had saddle horse. I rode horse back with outfitt from Salt Lake prison to St George. We camped at any good place we found for noon. Same at night. I put the men all prisoners on there own

& never had any trouble. We had some storm & at places cold. At one place it had rained on us most of the afternoon, when evening came all was wet & cold. We was at a very high place called Kanara, a small settlement of our church people. It was still raining. Could not unload the wagons for tents. It was late evening anyway so I hunted up the bishop & got him to let us have the church (p. 46) house. It was one large room building of log or lumber with large wood stove in center of room. The good bishop, dont remember his name, on giving him my word that everything would be left OK let us have the church with plenty of cedar wood in yard. All men had to do was chop it up to fitt the stove, which they soon done with pleasure leaving plenty choped for the church. We moved the benches around & made all the beds on the floor & drying our clothes. The boys was sure thankful & could not do enough for me the way I treated them. Said no one els(e) would have done that for them. Some said they had slept in box cars & road the rods under the rain & in all kinds of places but never in a church house. Now they had seen everything and let me say to there credit they treated the house like a house of worship & left it in good shape & all thanked the bishop the next morning before going on our way. We went on through all the settlements plenty rubber necking us & always had plenty of company when we camped. Went on down through Bever & the old Cedar Fort where we camped one night & on to Modena, the end of the RR where we picked up the rest of the prisoners & guards who came making my outfit now 150 prisoners & 8 guards & myself. On to Cedar City & then started down to St George. It was cold at Cedar but has we started going down the boys started to shed some of the clothes & it got to be real pleasant. We made our first camp at the town of Washington where the state had rented a 5 acre plot of ground. We spent the winter making road from Cedar City to St. George. They had no road only what they had made themselves with wagon over rocks and sand & dugways. So the prisoners of the state made the first highway. We work

there untill commencing of May when we moved up North again going back the same way we had come. Arrived at prison all OK with out any trouble & had made a very good start of making a good highway for the people of the South. After a few days rest at home we made preparations for going North to Box Elder county & worked on the road from Brigham City to Warmsprings. (p. 47) Our first camp was at Willard on aplot of ground up on the hill side where we had a spring of water for camp. Had the prisoners pipe it down to camp. So we worked here in summer in the North part of state & winter Southern part of state. So we made also the first highway road from Brigham City to Warmsprings North Ogden. Made another trip to St. George this winter same way as before this time camped on 5 acre plot at Anderson ranch at place called Bell-view. Returned in Spring then worked on road this summer North again at Box Elder county. I had charge of camp 2 years, then wanted to stay home. Told Governor Spry & warden Pratt I did not care to go any more, would rather resign from my position at prison than go out again. Said I need not do that. They praised me highly for the good work I had done. While they would like me to hold on the governor said 2 yrs was a mission anyway & I had done well. In the 2 years never has any trouble I could not handle & never lost a man. Keep expences down to the appropriation. Feed & treated the men well & made friends with all. Many of the prisoners went out of there (way) to thank me for what I did for them. Said I had changed there hole life & all made good. I say this not in any way to boast, but am very greatfull to my heavenly Father for I know as I know anything I received his helping & guiding hand. Well I went back to my job at prison & som(e) one els(e) took my place on the road. But it did not last long, they seem to have trouble all the time. Then some of the road contractors made complaints they was cutting into there business, so the prison road work business came to an end about 6 munts after I resigned, for which in a way I was sorry for I know it did much good to the prisoners to work out on

the road. The fall of 1914 found me back at state prison & attending to my church duties, again in Sugar House Ward. Was appointed district ward teacher supervisor & never failed having 100 per cent visits. Would every month have the teachers at my home for meeting & reports & my good wife give a helping hand in preparing some kind of refreshments. Thus we enjoyed meeting together & did much in helping the cause. Well along in Feb of 1915 my wifes Bro had a new gun, a high powered rifle, & wanted me to go with him to try it out to see how much steel (p. 48) the bullet would penertrate. We went up Park City RR tract nearly to mouth of Parley's Canyon. He geting back telephone pole beside track to shoot through steel rail. I did not think it would do that close & was also dangerious. I had my little boy Russell with us, so taking the boy with me off about 50 yards. The boy squated down I stood up & with the report of the gun. Som(e)thing struck me in the eye & I new I was shot. The pain was intence. Could not see out of the eye & could not keep open the other, so the boy had to lead me home. The wife got the doctor & after looking at my eye said he did not think there was anything in my eye, But I was sure there was. He prescribed som(e)thing for the wife to drop into my eye every so often, but keep geting worse & the pain was driving me out of my head. We tried to get Dr but was out of town for 2 or 3 days. When he did come he seeing my condition & the way my eye looked was sure now som(e)thing was in the eye, so he took me to town to eye specialist. Kept there on couch (waiting for ambulence) the pain was awfull. The ambulence came & took me to L.D.S. Hospital. All they could do was give me dope & try to relieve the pain. Other eye specialist & doctors came & all said my eye would have to come out, but I said no, would not listen to it. By this time they had put me under Xray to try & locate where what ever it was. They found it between my eyes, back of my nose, but could not at the time tell what it was. It could have been lead, copper, steel or anything. All other doctors and specialist kept on for my eye to come out but my specialist

held on to the thought that he could help me when he new my faith & was willing to take the punishment so he told them he was going to put me under the electric magnet & find out if it was steel & if it was would pull it by magnet back through the eye ball same way it went in & save my eye. To such all other Dr said it could not be done, but it was done. Before they put me under the magnet, in fact the evening before the morning my good friend Dr Richard, the father of Elder Stephen L Richards came & sat on my bedside. Said he wanted to talk to me about having my eye out. Said if left in may effect my other eye & I would be blind. I thanked him for his advice & the interest taken in me, but said my faith & honest believe was that the eye need not come out & that all will be well with me & that someday (p. 49) I may be even to see with it, who knows. I said Doctor I give all you men credit for your special work, but the greatest physician of all give me that eye & I know he can & will take (care) of it. Dr. was effected by my faith. Put(t)ing his arm around my shoulder he said yes I think he will, with such gritt & faith as you have. God bless you my boy. I love Dr. Richards & his family for I know them all & I dont know where you will go to find any better. I know what interest his son Stayner took in me & my family when he was in the Ward Bishopric with Bishop Wm Hanson & A Wm Lund. How those brothering visited me & when taken from my family to hospital they held prayer meeting with my wife & family at home. Such things one cant forget, for a friend in need is a friend indeed. Well they got me under the magnet straping me down so that I could not move & as if that was not enough some of the doctors & nurses held me down also. When the magnet t(o)uched the spot I yell out. It seemed like the back of my head was coming through thefront. Now the Dr got his wish. He knew it was steel. Would not do any more at this time. Said I had enough, that I was rather weak & run down anyway so waited a few days to build me up. Then the morning came & it seem to me all the doctors & specialist & nurseswas there. All wanted to see the operation, some still insisting it could not be done. But it was done, but the pain to me was awfull, although it was only a second or so.

Seem like to me was hours. I had nothing to take. They just had me down as before. Some of the nurses was so overcome seeing the piece coming through my eyes that they for a second forgot there job & was clapping there hands for you. They told me afterwards how sorry they were for acting so, but said it looked pretty, just like pulling fish through the water on end of hook & line. Well the job was done the piece stuck on the end of the magnet. It was small, much smaller than it felt in my eye. One end was very fine point the other end was rather flattened like a Indian arrow head. The bullet did not go through the rail. He was to close to a(l)low the penetration & it was the piece that was drilled out of the rail that I got in my eye. I want to mention here & now, that if I had taken the warning (p. 50) & councel of my wife I would not have goten what I did. She tried to stop me from going saying she had a dream of the night before & was sure that something would happen. Well I know there was many prayers offered up for me & the brothering of the Priesthood was very good to come & visit & administer to me for which I am very thankful to all & also my heavenly Father. In a few days more I was released from hospital (20th March 1915) to return home for which I was greatfull for I was anxious about my wife for we was expecting a new baby which came after I had been home 2 or 3 days. A girl we named Pearl. Now on account of loosing the sight of one eye the prison board thought it to much of a risk to the prison as also to myself to stay, though they did not like to see me leave thought it best & was OK with me. They treated me well, paid me for all the time I was off up to the time of my release. I was geting strong & must find something to do so went to work helping to lay out the new Wasatch Lawn Cemertary on Hyland Drive for a few months. This summer, of 1915 about Aug. I took a trip to Rexburg & out on Egin Bench to Plano ward to visit my sister Mary Ann Hemsley & family. Her husband Richard Hemsley was ward bishop at the time. I stayed visiting & helping with the harvest & returned home for Thanks given dinner with my family. Was by this

time feeling fine & in good health so was anxious to get to work, for winter was coming on & I intended to sell our Home's at Sugar House & move to Idaho in coming spring. So I turned to my friend Governor Spry for help in the way of a job & was not disappointed. I called on the governor at the state capital building. He was pleased to see me, made me welcome & asked me all about myself & what he could do for me. Told him winter was coming on & I needed work to care for my family. Told me to come back in the morning at 9 AM & be his special guard, that I need not report to anyone only himself. It was at a time when the governor's life & the life of his family was threatened by party called IWW because the governor would not stop the execution of one of the members who had been tried & found guilty of murder. The execution was carried out at the state prison, by shooting. I stayed with him at the capital untill March when he was called to Washington capital of USA to (p. 51) take over a government positon on the President cabinet as Secretary of Navy. So after I made preparation to move to Idaho by selling what property we had & loading house hold goods & milk cow & chickens on the RR car & left myself with freight car in month of April 1916. My wife & children leaving a few days later by passenger train to Rexburg. I had freight car go on the loop train to Plano from Idaho Falls. The wife & children was meet at Rexburg by some of my sisters family & taken to Plano on what is called Egin bench where we made our home in small log house we rented from Bishop Richard Hemsley my brother in law. It was now April 1916. One May 13th was called & set apart by Elder James Blake of Stake presidency to be 2nd Councelor to Bishop Blaser who had not long been appointed Bishop of Plano Ward, then the Fremont Stake. Was also ordained High Priest at same time. I did all kind offarm labour & with my young sons broke up some new sage brush land but got nothing for it. Spent 10 years in Bishopric, working my teams plowing by the acre, contracted bunching peas & shocking grain by the acre with my boys helping but could not seem to get ahead no matter what we did or how hard we worked.

I finely went on road as sales man & boys went out to work for farmers, for themselves. Been now away from home some of my time thought it best to ask for my release from Bishoprick so was released along in late spring & early summer of 1926. Soon after I returned home from selling & took up farming for myself was called again into church service as supervisor of Aaroni Priesthood. Little later was called & set apart as Ward chairman of Genealogical committee. The duties of both becoming greater all the time. I felt that I could not give the service to both that I should so asked for my release from one. Was now release from superviser of Aaronic Priesthood & conti(n)ued with the Genealogical work. In 1932 my daughter & husband & family moved to Idaho Falls from there home at Plano townsite & we moved from farm having in the meantime given the farm up. Moved to my daughter Lottie & Harry Hemsley home to care & look after place. We had a large garden some(p. 52) chickens. Was at this time 1932. Had care of school house & church house also the Plano cemetery, so was kept busy & we was happy. In May 1938 with the help of our son Russell who was also now married & living at Idaho Falls we bought building lot on Plano townsite close to where we was living & set about building a new home for ourselve's. A 4 room with bathroom, very convenient home. Was completed before winter weather set in & we was now moved again in our home but not for long. Seem as though it was not to be for in Feb 1939 my dear wife took sick & while she would not give up was not herself. But along in May we had to give up & the children took her down to Idaho Falls & had her under Doctors care & done all that could be done for her. By this time our 3 sons & 2 daughters was living at Idaho Falls & she was having good care. I made several trips back & forth from Plano 2 & 3 times a week. Finely I had to stay with her all the time. For a time she seemed to improve & wanted me to take her back home to Plano which I did with one of our good neighbors at Plano who was down with car, but it was not long before she wanted to go back again to Idaho Falls. So got out neighbor to take her & myself back to Idaho Falls

where she was most of the time at our daughter Lottie's place. I had to stay with her then all the time. She would not let me out of her sight. She finley passed away at the home of our son Russell's 605-10th Street on early morning of July 26th 1939. In the presence of all her children & myself & our beloved friends Bro & Sister F E Belnap. I cannot close this without mentioning the faithful & true & devoted love of Bro & Sister Belnap. They was on hand with kindly help at all times. This was indeed a very sad time for myself & children to part with a loving devoted wife & mother. The girl & companion of my youth & a true daughter & child of God, faithful & true to the last, and beloved by all. She was taken back to Plano & friends where services was held at Plano church on the 29th July 1939 & was laid away at the family plott in Plano cemertry. The Relief Society sisters of the ward (p. 53) where the wife was President for 12 years then teacher up to her passing was very good in helping in anyway they could also in preparing lunch for family & friends at home after return from cemertry. The service & flower offerings was very grand & spoke of the love & esteem she held by all. The children now returning to there home at Idaho Falls took me with them, also our folks from Salt lake returned to Idaho Falls for a short visit. When they left for Salt Lake City nothing should do but I must return to Salt Lake with them, think it was all made up with them & my children, that I should go away for a visit. I stayed at Salt Lake & visited with my sister Jane at Vernal also for a while. Was away about 5 or 6 weeks in all. Having a life membership in the church Genealogical society. I visited the library & did some family research work while visiting Salt Lake that helped to keep my mind on other things for a while at least. But the time came when I must return which I did by buss back to Idaho Falls. Then after a

short visit with the children returned back home to Plano. But it was not like home any more. Everything I seen or tried to do reminded me of the passed. I stayed with it attending to my work at school & church house & house keeping for about 2 weeks when I had to give up. The children thought I should not stay like that so decided to dispose of home & things we did not want & moved me back with them at Idaho Falls where I joined the 2nd ward with H M Groesbeck, Bishop. He soon put me to work taking church census of ward, also ward teacher member of ward genealogical committe & member of ward choir, so had planty to keep my mind occupyed. I got finly some work collecting for Stanger at Bonded Warehouse, then went collecting for the LDS Hospital This was now fall 1941. I took a rented room furnished. Dec. 28th 1942 call & set apart for stake mission in Idaho Falls stake, in Oct 11th 1944 released from stake mission. My collecting work took me all over, much out of city & into other county's so had to have car which I got in spring 1943. Was out on road untill 1944 when on account of the World War two help was hard to get & keep at hospital. Was called into hospital office as night regester clerk & give up my apartment room & took room at (p. 54) hospital with my meals also. During my work at hospital attended my church duties in 2nd ward. Made some visits to Salt Lake at every conference, also did some research work at Genealogical library at every chance I got. Made my first visit in 1944 to my daughter Pearl & family who was now living at Las Vegas Nevada. This was my two weeks vacation. I went on buss. Made a short stop off at Salt Lake then on to Nevada. Took train from Las Vages to Los Angeles Calif. Visited my sister Emily's 2 girls then visited at Hunington Park & Long Beach with my sister Martha's 2 girls. Returned home & back to hospital after my vacation. In was called to Sacramento Calif to see my Brother Wm John who was very sick. Had taken a stroke. First I had seen him in 30 years.

Had a very nice visit with him & his family for a week. Went on buss, my sister Jane from Vernal meet me at Salt Lake & went along with me. This was my first visit's to California. My Bro past away on . Next year in April after April Conference of 1945 I drove in my car to Las Vages to my daughter Pearl's. Reason for taking car to bring my daughter & 2 children back with me for visit & give birth to her 3 baby. Had experience on this trip I will relate for benifit of all who m(a)y read. To show how mysteries will happen which we do not understand I remember reading a few years ago of the story of one of our missionary Elders who was on a mission in the East from Southern Utah. That he had been without anything to eat for sometime, turned away from every place he called, finley wishing he had a loaf of his mothers bread. He stoped by the way side & prayed to his Heavenly Father. After he got through the prayer he noticed a bundle on road that was not there before & upon examination found it was a new loaf of bread still warm (w)raped with table cloth, said was like mothers bread. Well it turned out to be his mothers bread. She had just taken pan of 4 loaves out of oven & placed bread on the kitchen table puting cloth over bread & went out a few min to other room, on returning found one loaf gone with cloth also. She thinking (p. 55) a tramp passing by helped himself but wonde(re)d why he should take her cloth also, but on looking out seen no one around anywhere. Paid no more attention to it untill she received letter from son telling of his experience. It was the loaf out of her pan & her table cloth. I use to wounder about that but never did doubt it. Now my experience. My lower plate of teeth caused my mouth to be so sore that upon leaving my sisters home at Salt Lake City I had taken them out & place them in my pocket. When within about 10 or 15 miles or more of Fillmore Utah I had flatt tire.

Stoping at side of hiway change & put on my spare. It was muddy off pavement where I stop after a storm. When all ready started off got a few miles on way when something reminded me of my teeth. Discovered I did not have them. Stoped, surched all my pockets & close's & all through the car, as I did not want to drive all way back to where I stoped to change tier only to find them with me after returning back. But back I had to go, thinking I had lost them there. After some time found the place. I stoped by my tracks in the mud. Found some)thing to crape around in the mud. Looked all over, through all my clothes & car again taking some time but found no teeth. I felt rather low in spirit & woundering what to do. Did not pray. Finly drove on still thinking. Got to Fillmore. Was now after noon; dinner; drove to a garage on fa(r)ther end of town; asked to have my tier fixed & where I could eat; Was showed Cafe up the street where I went. Asked where I could wash. Was told in back to bath room. Washed, still searching my close for teeth. Ordered dinner. Had eaten dinner a few min or sec before all was out of room even the waitress went out. I was alone when turning around on stool at counter was speechless to see my teeth. I cannot explain the shock that went through me. It (took) me a second or so to act. They was full arms length from where I sat & could not be seen untill I turned to get up from counter. I no sooner picked them up than the girl waiting on me came in from back room. Say what you want they was not (p. 56) on me neither on the counter a few min before, but was placed there when all had left the room & myself seen nothing. The teeth had not been in any durt either for they was as clean & dry has when I placed them in my pocket on leaving Salt Lake City. Drove on to St George where I stayed at hotel that night & on to Las Vages next morning, arriving at my daughters at noon.

After a nice visit at Boulder Dam & Boulder City & many places of interest with Dess & Pearl & family prepared to return home as my 2 weeks vacation was about up. Taking my daughter & 2 children with me, but for an accident that might have proven serious to us all. We was about 3 or (?) miles from Cedar City when coming around a sharp turn on hill where had fallen some snow the night before we struck a soft shoal & I lost controll of car which then rooled over off highway into sagebrush. But the Lord & good fortune was with us, surely as our guardian angel was with us for we only got a little shaking up & there was plenty good people to help us. Our car got slightly disfigured. Took us untill next morning to get car in shape to run & we made Salt Lake that evening & next day up to Idaho Falls where I got car looking like new again. I am still at LDS hospital working now in office, so not having much use for car sold it just before winter. The next year 1946 had my vacation in Dec & took buss to Overton Nevada where my girl Pearl & her family now lived. I spent Xmas week with them, then went on to San Ber(blank) California & visit my son Glenn & family who had just moved there the June before from Idaho Falls. I spend the New Year & that week with them & I enjoyed my visit of 2 weeks in all very much. Returned back to my work at hospital. Now the 2nd week of Jan 1947. The Idaho Falls stake now got cut (Aug 1946) making a new stake the South Idaho Falls stake. Sept I was called & set apart as seceratry of High Priest quorum of Idaho Falls stake which office together with ward teacher I still hold. Now Dec 1947. I stayed with hospital untill end of March 1947 then resigned. Went to S.L. (p. 57) City April conference. Returning went into collecting business for myself, taking over the doctors collecting or commission. Was living at room rented from H. T. Sant at 578 E Street. Moved there from I street when home was sold in May 30th. June 1st

found me at Sant home. Just after moving took sick with the mumps, on one side of the face. I dreamed the night before I had mumps & woke up next morning with them. Was confined to my room 2 weeks. During that time my daughter Lottie & family was very good seeing that I received every attention & anything I needed. In later part of June I left by buss for Salt Lake & attended the pioneer 100 year jubilee. Took in everything all month of July. Attended the Welsh reunion at Salt Air beach, also our family organization held at Liberty Park on Sunday July 27th. I also visited Genealogical Society & library & check up on our family research work. Received some family research reports on our family lines as also copy on my grandparents Ellis & Matthews marriage licence from Wales. Drove out to Vernal with my sister Emily & her daughter Viola & her 2 girls from California. Visited with my sister Jane Carloss & family 4 days. While visiting there we drove out to the Green River country from 30 to 50 miles south east of Vernal & spent large part of day visiting at the Colorado Museum of Natural History & visiting the fossil mines up the mountain side. All very wonderfull & very interesting. It is claimed the fossils of the different animals & parts of animals are from 250,000 to 300,000 years old. We returned from our visit back to Vernal & next day drove back to Salt Lake City. I left for home at Idaho Falls about middle of Aug been away nearly 2 months. Got back on the job collecting & attending to church duties & doing some of this writing at every chance I (p. 58) get which is not very often. Paid visit to my daughter Ruths family at Hibbard, South West of Rexburg, over one week end this month Oct. Last day of Oct moved from Sants 578 E Street to my son Russells 605 10th Street where I am now living. Had our first snow storm Sunday night Nov 2nd. 2 or 3 inches Monday morning. Snow again Tuesday night

from 4 to 6 inches this Nov 4th. I should mention that I was present on the morning of when the first shovel of durt was dug for the Idaho Falls Temple & was present off & on every day during the excavation & building of Temple untill completed. Attended the laying of cornor stone, also the dedicatory services Tuesday Sept 25th 1945. I had a dream of this temple been built some years before it was ever talked about building the temple while been engaged in Genealogical committee work at Plano & told only my wife about it at the time. But the dream came true. It was desided to build the temple & talked off before wife passed away & I drawed her attention to the dream at the time. When I started this record some time ago before my wife died in 1939 I intended at time to only write a brief account of life & church activities of myself & wife to leave our children as I figured that would be about all we could leave them as far has this worlds good are concerned at least. We, both my wife & myself would much rather leave our children & our childrens children a living faith & testermony of the work of God than all the meteral wealth of the world we could receive (p. 59) for after all it is what you can take with you when leaving this old world that counts not what you leave when going out of the world. When one day I was alone in my room working on this work & my genealogical record work I was stoped in my thoughts by some words that kept repeating to me & tried as I could to go on with my work I could not untill I picked up pencil & paper & put thoses words down, then & only then could I go on with my work. Now theses are the words I received. I will give them to you.

"Seek not for fame and riches
Or of the praises of men
They last only for the moment
never to return again
Rather seek for the joy and glory
That will come from doing well
the labour for thoses loved ones
who on earth did once dwell

At our family reunion held at City Park at Salt Lake City on June 1936 some of the family members in meantime found what I was doing. A motion was made & carried that I extend the work by taking in as much of family history & records as I was able to receive & publish a book, each member to purchase a book at cost price, so am trying to do just that from all the record I have & can receive & hope to be able to receive as many photo cuts of family as possible to place in book together with some I have in my possession. The family organization was in a small way started at the death of our father John Thomas Davies. While the family was together Thanks giving day at Salt Lake City 1918 Richard Daniel Davies was put in president he been the oldest son. Mrs. Mary Ann Davies Hemsley the oldest daughter vice president, and Charles H Davies another son for secretary & treasurer. This organization (p. 60) was at the time started to get head stone for graves at City Cemetry, which was done. Matt White a grandson took charge of geting headstones for each grave & also having them placed in place. It was also desided to meet in June 19th 1919 at Salt Lake City park. At this meeting a more complete organization was formed to take in all of familys of John T Davies & Ann Ellis his wife; to carry on family research & temple work; as also to keep family records of all family members, in so far has this is possible to do. Charles H Davies was put in president & charge of family records & research; Lottie Wilder treasurer and her daughter Muriel W Thomas secretary. All members of family either by marriage & children of all familys was admitted to membership by paying a small fee each year to carry on the research & temple work. Charles H Davies got up the Constitution of By-Laws for family organization which was excepted. (They are as follows)

Article No One. (Name)

The name of this association shall be the John Thomas & Ann Ellis Davies

family Organization. Article= No 2: Object: The object of this organization shall be to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of our forefathers; to cement the ties of fellowship & kinship between living members by frequent association & friendly intercourse; preservation of history & memorials & through unity of effort to prevent duplication of temple labour.

(Article No 3; Membership)

Any descendant of John & Ann Ellis Davies; or anyone who has entered the Davies & Ellis family by marriage is eligible to membership in this organization through compliance with the articles herein noted. The entrance fee shall be fifty cents. The anual dues shall (be) from 50 cents or more as may be required to keep up the research and temple work of family. Dues shall be paid on or before the day of the anual reunion. (p. 61)

(Article No 4) (Organization)

This organization shall when organized stay intact and meet at least once annually. Failure to hold meetings & elections shall not disorganize this organization. (Article= No 5) Officers (Section #1= The terms of officers of this organization shall be untill new officers are elected; (Section #2) The election or reelection of officers shall be held at the regular meetings; Section #3: The officers shall be President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Chairman of Genealogical & Temple Committees; Historian; & Chairman of Social Committee. (Section 4) Members of committee permanent and temporary shall be either chosen by vote or named by the President. The chairman and members of the Genealogical & Temple committees shall remain in office indefinitely. (By-Laws) Duties of officers) The President shall preside at all meetings; shall be empowered to call special meetings when necessary & shall exercise a general supervision of the whole organization. The Vice Presidents in order of precedence shall preside at meetings if the

president be absent and shall assist & councel in all matters pertaining to the activities of this organization. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence, take & record all minutes unless this office be divided into recording & corresponding secretary. The Secretary shall perform all work usual to this office. The Treasurer shall collect & keep all funds of the organization & shall keep accurate accounts of the financial transactions of the organization & shall pay out monies only on written order from the President countersigned by the Secretary. The Historian shall prepare & keep all historical, patriotic & biographical matter & names & families of this organization & shall with historians committee be associated with the social committee in arranging regular & special meetings & the programs of such gatherings. The chairman & members of the Genealogical & Temple committee shall act as a central agency (p. 62) for the receipt of all genealogical data; preserve the same in fireproof receptacles; arrange the data for Temple work; index all information; institute Temple excursions & otherwise stimulate & encourage & promote the genealogical research & temple interests of all members of this organization. The chairman & committee of social affairs shall arrange program with the assistance of the historian & superintend the details of all entertainments given by this organization. These laws & by-laws may be amended at the annual meeting by a majority vote; provided thirty days notice shall have been given publicly. (Article No 6) Meetings (The order of business at annual meetings) An annual meeting shall be held at which the regular order of business shall be carried out together with any other business that may come before the meeting pertaining to this organization with such further programs as may be suitable or desired. During the World war 2 was not able to meet but the organization was kept in tact & the research work carried on. Have been meeting annual sence end of war.

Some officers have been released & others put in office. Am pleased to state we are now starting to receive results from our research work, through the genealogical society of the church. Some family names have been received on both the Davies & Morgan lines as also on the Ellis & Matthews lines & temple work completed for them; copys of which will be placed with this family history. I can only give what have been received from the familys living and also from research work, but the greater part from what I know myself, from my life with them. I have given something of the country where our families came from in the history of my life which history to some extent covers the story of others of family. I see no reason for any of us to be ashamed of our lineage because we may have been poor, for as far back has I know none have been tangled up with the law. Have all been law abiding and (p. 63) taught honesty & thrift & we all have came through the lineage of Isreal the Royal Blood of Wales. I could give much history & the many achievements made by the Welsh race, but will say this much; that behind our constitution the Magna Charta of 1215 & the British or English Bill of Rights of 1689 was given to us by the Welsh. Wales not only (gave) us the stirring thoughts of Richard Price she gave us Thomas Jefferson who penned our Declaration of Independence. It was Price who convinced the world of the iniquity of George the 3rd. Wales give us Robert Morris who was so helpfull in the financial problems of American Revolution. She give us Roger Williams founder of Rhode Island. She give us Wm Penn founder of Pennsylvania. She gave us the ancestars of Patrick Henry who in 1775 spoke the words which electrified his Colonial compatriots. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains & slavery. Fobid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take but as for me give me liberty or give me death. The Welsh was the Pilgrim Pioneers who gave

us Joseph Smith's ancestors on both sides & many if not all of the first leaders of our church & so I could go on but must end least you think I lost. But all you have to do is read history & study the genealogy of our church leaders. I did not intend to put this much in this record because of lack of space but only intended to show in a way the blood we have in us, that it is some of the best & we ought to live the lives worthy of it & show by our daily living that we do appreciate what have been anded down to us. Now I start with what I have & know about our grandfather & grandmother, on our fathers side, Daniel Thomas Davies & Ann Morgan. The family sheets I have are to large to compile in book such as we are having published, so will take the record of family's we have & place them here in the family order, starting with parents & family of my father John Thomas Davies who is heir on the Davies Thomas & Morgan lines. Daniel Thomas Davies was born about 1820; place Merthyr Glamorganshire So Wales. Died Oct 1888; place Ferndale Rhonda Valley Wales. This country is all (p. 64) coal Mine's in North part of So Wales: & Where in early history of the church was the Head of the Welsh Conference. I do not know for sure weather Daniel Parent was coal miner or not. But no doubt was & proberly the boy Dan worked in coal mine: have never heard. But his wife died early in life before I was Born & my oldest Bro Dan was only 3 year's old. But on the death of his wife he came to live with our family at Pontypool Monmouthshire; in a small village about 2 or 3 miles out from Pontypool called Abersychan. In fact he & his wife & family lived there at time of Wife's death; Now this part of Wales is steel & Iron works & Grandfather must have worked there for at this time his occupation is given as Paddler that is furnace Man at steel work's, this was his work all the time I new anything of him. Gess his family must have all had family's of there own at this time for he made his home with us

untill we Emigrated to Utah in May 1888; He then went to live with his youngest Daughter at Ferndale; & the Oct of 1888 we received word of his death; of course I growed up with him & can well remember sleeping with him & the stories he use to tell me, untill my Parents got him to stop telling me the stories for they caused me to have what they call night mare & I would call out in my sleep & get scared at any little noise: I can well remember at this time how scared I was of the Mask's & the Spoke's at Haloween time; the family hard a Job to get a Mask on me; after they did I was alright; My folks told me that when I was a little fellow I was so tied to my Grandpa: that I would be waiting & watching for him to come from work & if he left Some bread in the dinner pail for me I would eat my meal: If not I would sulk & would not eat: Mother would get pail first & slip a slice of bread in pail if none was there; I would then think Grandpa left it for me & all was right; I cannot remember him working I can only remember him a little Blind. & I use to go with him to place especially at night to his church the Methodist: & play around untill his church was out: It was not untill I went back on my mission in 1897; & visiting with some of my Father (p. 65) cousin's at the place of my Father's Birth that I found out about the change in Name: this Thomas family was all Musical the time that I visited the room was full they had a regual orchestra & some singing. One of Father's cousins that was there told me of his going back to Chicago with Welsh Choir when competeing with our church choir in 1893. They was Thomas & I asked how they could be cousin to my Father his name being Davies & they Thomas. The older members of family told me that my Grandfather Davies changed him Name to get away from some Riot trouble with the working class; later I found out from Father it was so; Now we hope to find out through our family research the correct family Branch &

my faith led me to think we will in time." GrandMa; Name was Ann Morgan she died 24 Dec 1870; Place; Abersychan Trevethin that is in the District of Pontypool Monmouthshire; I have before me this Record which have latly came from Genealogical research: It also state she was 50 year when died the wife of Daniel Davies a Puddler & informant to Death one Llewellin John of Same place. The Temple work for this couple have all been done; Can see from age at Death she was Born 1820 This couple had 4 Son's & 4 Daughters 8 children in all. These are there Names John; Thomas; Joseph & Daniel; Mary, Susan; Emily & Annie: So far have not been able to get Birth date & Place of Birth; only of my Father John & Date of Birth & death of the Girl Mary; I was there on my mission when Mary died & attended the fundrell. Fathers Sister Mary, Wife of Tom Roberts died at Abertillery Monmouthshire and Burried at Cumtelley Church was 50 yrs old. she died 29 March 1898. Born 1848: I have visited all the Girl's; My Father's sisters & always new them all. But Fathers Brother's I only remember Daniel the youngest one: He and family come to the USA when I was young: & last heard of them at Warren Trambol County Ohio. The other Brother's; so the family & so my Parents Said went to Australia; Father was the only one of family to Join the church & come to Utah: Am hoping & Praying we shall be able through our research to find Birth of all the children so the Temple work can be completed for family: Now Record of My Father. He was Born 4 Dec 1840: Place: Rhymeney Near Merthyr Glamorganshire So.Wales Married 7th Nov, 1864: Place: Pontypool Monmouthshire So Wales; Baptized at Cumlran Monmouthshire 17th March 1884; Emergrated to Utah 1886; Ordained Elder; Sept 10th 1895. Endowed Salt Lake Temple 13th Sept 1895: Sealed to Wife Sametime as also the children sealed to Parents; all on 13th Sept 1895; There first 3 children was Born at Aberchyan Near Pontypool. Father worked at Iron & steel works;

was furnace Man: was always hard working Man. (p. 66) About 1868 they moved south from Pontypool a few miles closer to Fathers work, the little village of Cumlran where we lived untill Emergrating to Utah. Has I have given much of Father's History in fact about all I know; in with my History page's of this Book, will not take the time & space to repeat here: Only to say He was all Welsh could not take a Joke at anytime about the Welsh; was a great step dancer, use to get away with his Mothers or sisters shoe's & step them off his feet. Fairly good singer, use to enjoy him & mother sing. She a good singer also. He took an active Part in the church with his Priesthood as far has he was able & labored for living up to the time & hour of his death, which took place at Plano Ward Rexburg Route #3 at home of his Daughter Mary Ann Davies Hemsley 21st Nov 1918; Burial at Salt Lake City Cemetery 27th Nov 1918. My Mother Ann Ellis, Daughter of Richard Ellis & Mary Matthews, Born at Banstead Surrey London England; 30th Aug 1846; Said she was born in stable where Donkey was kept: Parents was travelling with Donkey & Cart from Pontypool found work in Hop field; Season when Hop's was garthered. GranMother was working in hop field took sick no place to go only stable that's where the Baby girl was Born who became our Mother. Was Named Ann after her Grandmother, Ann Jenkins Ellis; Baptized 10th Nov 1861, at age of 15 years. Nine years after her Parents Joined the church at Pontypool Monmerethshire Wales Married when 18 years old, at Pontypool Wales. Date of Marrage 7th Nov 1864. I have the Marriage License; which I will now record here; 7th Day Nov 1864; John Davies 24 years Bachelor; Profession Puddler; Residence: British Abersychan: District of Pontypool County of Monmouth; Father Daniel Davies; Profession Roller; Same address; and Ann Ellis 18 years spinster; Residence Pontnewynyda County of Monmoth Father Richard Ellis: Profession Miner; Same address; Signed x for John

Davies; signed By Ann Ellis: In Pressence of Joseph Burton; and E Gorge Edwards: Before Thomas B Smith Deptuty Regestar & Edward B Edwards; 7th Day Nov 1864; Father was 24 years old & Mother 18 years old. Mother Ann Ellis Davies Emergrated from Cumlran Monmouthshire So Wales to Utah May 1888: Endowed at Manti Temple; 4th Dec 1889. Sealed to Husband with children at Salt Lake Temple 13th Sept 1895. Mother started Temple work soon after coming to Utah. Her sister Martha E Harvey Pural, Wife of James Harvey was living at Manti at the time & Mother did her (p. 67) Temple work with them for many of there friends in Wales & also as many of there family they could get; without Date's only as they thought about year; these's with other's is what we are doing research work for Now trying to get correct Date's & place's of Birth; Mother did So much Temple work there that Father got a little Jealous thinking his wife was geting seald to Uncle Harvey; He Father had not got himself in shape for Temple rather fell in with some of his old country habit's, seeing others in Utah who was suposed to be good Saints & even Some missionary's who was back home doing the things they taught him was not right--So his Wife told him to get himself in shape for the Temple & she would show him who's wife she was. He did so that's the reason for diffrent date's in there Endowments; Mother was given to much faith; She new her Hevenly Father to be a real living Person: & always address him as such: I had asked her once when she received a Testimony of the Gospel--Said she did not know, she was Born with it, for she had always had it. Have given some of her history & Fathers in other Pages with my history, How they took in the missionary's & cared for them. Mother was very patience & enJoyed a good Joke was full of good holesome fun. Her & Father was good Dancer's especially in Waltz; they sang together very good; Mother not only give birth to large family

herself, But took part of careing Mother's & helping Many Baby's into the world & never thought of taking Payment. At one time she was offered good Pay from Doctor to help him with case's but refused; she was a good Relief Socity worker & teacher's at Salt Lake City Dating from April 30th 1889; Then moving to Vernal Utah continued in the work; & did much in helping the sick & needey. Moving to Rexburg in Plano Ward was set aprt Relief Socity President June 12th 1904. She Died at home of Daughter Emily White at Sugar Ward Salt Lake City 19th June 1910, & Burried at Salt Lake Cemetry 22nd June 1910. She was visiting there at (p. 68) the time from home at Rexburg. Gess I should state at this point That Dan oldest Bro: had been away for number of year's. Mother always said she would not die untill she seen him. She was sure he would return, Well he did & finding the folks was living Now at Idaho I went with on train to Rexburg & had Mother return with us to Salt Lake so he could buy her a nice Silk dress, & while at store she sliped on waxed floor & broke ankle Bone of foot. laying in Bed so much caused hemorrhage & she passed away But not untill she received her wish. I shall now give the children of this Couple, our Parents & as much record has I am able from my own knowledge taking them in there order from the Oldest to youngest. Date of Birth's from my Mother's own family Record. She aught to know for she was present with them all. There is 19 in all; 11 Son's & 8 Dauther's; as follow's; Mary Ann Davies: Born: 20th Jan 1865; Place Pontypool Monmouthshire So Wales Baptized; 20th day of May 1884; age 19 yrs & 4 month's Emergrated to Utah Married Richard Hemsley 16th Feb 1887; at Logan Temple Utah. Sealed to Parents Salt Lake Temple 13th Sept 1895: From this Union 14 child 4 Son's & 10 Daughter's, were Born: Mary Ann when a young girl in Wales work in the Tinplate works; at what age she started working I know not. But she worked there untill she Emergrated.

Like her Mother she was full of Faith Hers was a living faith; was always rather quite & reserve strickly attending to her own busness was well liked by everyone: & could have Married before leaving her Native land; In fact one young Man wanted & think he did Join the church to get her but said she was not having anyone Join the church to get her. She took everything very cerious; to alliterate, she when little wanted to grow so father told her to put dun that is Manure in her shoes. So believing him she did & had it in shoes for sometime when father one day called his wife's attention to a very unplesant smell in house, the girl spoke up, well you told me to put dun in my shoes & I did. Her sister Martha could always play trick's on her for she always believed what sister told her: she nevered cared to listen to (p. 69) any stories that was not clean or ever took part in them: she did much to help other's & no one was ever turned away from her door hungrey. On coming to Utah she took work with some of church leader's, Pratt family doing house work. Said she would not marry her young Man untill her Father was Emergrated & she kept her word. Like her Mother she was a Releif Socity worker, did much to help others, was President of Releif Socity at Plano Ward Fremont Stake. She passed away as she had lived full in the faith; at her home in Plano: 1st Sept 1930: Burried at Plano Cemetary: Plano Ward is on Egin Bench Rexburg Route #3, Idaho. Martha Maria Davies--Born 23rd April 1866 at Pontypool Monmouthshire So Wales Baptized 12th Sept 1883; age: 17 yrs; & 5 months old; Emergrated to Utah Oct 1883 she was the first one of our family to Emergrate: have told about how we all came to Emergrate in other part of history so will not take the time & space to repeat now. Martha like her sister worked at tinplate work's untill she emergrated: she was much different to sister in her make up; was never the cerious kind was full of fun & liked to play trick's; enJoy a good Joke

& could always take as well as give I told of some of her tricks in other part of history with my own. No need not repeat she worked at housework on coming to Utah. First lived at 10th Ward where our Grandparents Ellis lived, than after Married; lived at 13th Ward, then late Built home close to Sister Mary Ann in Sugar House; where she now still live on 12th East. Married Thomas A Balls, Emergrant from England; 6th Sept 1886; later on the 5th Feb 1902; was Endowed & Married in Salt Lake Temple. From this Union there are 11 children 3 Son's & 8 Daughters. Martha while not appearing to be very Religious is Just the same & have always helped other's when needed, & her home was always welcome to the needed; very good natured & will give & go without herself; to comfort someone els; like sister good Mother & true to Marrige vows. Richard Daniel Davies--Name after his 2 GrandParents: Born 29th Dec 1867; at Pontypool Monmouthshire: So Wales: Baptized 17th March 1884 Emergrated from Cumlran Monmouth So Wales May 18th 1888: Same time (p. 70) as Mother & rest of family Emergrated. By the way all our family came Cumlran when Emergrating; Father had left us some years before, & Dan as we call him was like the Father to rest of us. In fact on geting to Utah some of the younger ones who did not remember there Father, beening quite young thought Dan there Father & When talked to by there father would tell Dan that that old Man was Bossing him around; & would not believe him to be Father. Dan worked at Steel works in Wales. Dan never took any part in church. He his of a quiet Mind own busness nature. Great reader; well liked by all: & a great worker; can always find something to do, if when not working for other's. Was through the fire & Earthquake of San Francisco California which accrued on 18th April 1906; when $200,000,000 of Property was damaged & lost of 450 live's. He worked there at the time helpin with Cleaning up & rebuilding was away from home at this time Some 19 years, re-

turning in early Summer of 1910, before Mother Passed away. Has I have before stated at this writing his making his home with Sister Emily White at Sugar House Ward Salt Lake City working at Country Golf Club at mouth of Parley's Canyon. He never did leave him again; as promised. Agnes Davies, Born 19th Dec 1869, Place Cumlran Monmouthshire So Wales Died July 1870, at same Place: Burried at Pontnewynydd church yard; Wm John Davies Born 2nd March 1871, Place Cumlran Monmouthshire Wales Baptized 17th March 1884: Emergrated May 1888; Endowed & Married at St. George Temple; to Stephney Isabel Wells; 29th Oct 1896; From this Union have 9 children 5 son's & 4 Daughters; Wm John after coming to Utah learned the trade of Brick Mason & was good at his trade. Worked at steel works in Wales. In the year 1890 when there was no work to be had for anyone; it was the time of Cox's army of working men calling on Washington to interview the President then Grover Cleveland; Wm John started on hike down through southern Utah taking his trade tools with him working & Building for people on his way that needed his help: for eat & place to sleep that was about all he could get; He finly (p. 71) found himself at St George; where he got some work; & took interest in church work; & found the Girl of his choice: & Married & made no mistake in his choice; for Stephney as she is known made a good wife & help Mate. They moved from St George to the White River Valley Nevada in company with others who was called to get & settle that Part, & establish branch of church this was in year 1898 or 99. About year 1902 or 1903 Moved back to Sugarhouse Ward Salt Lake. Build him Brick home on East 12th now 21st South across for Utah State Prison: He contracted & Built home's & school Buildings then sold out & moved family to Ely Nevada where he had work with his trade, then the family moved to Sacremento California where he Built home. He passed away there (blank space for date)

the wife & family are still living there Wm John like Dan his Bro was a great reader & student of History & World events; Margret Jane Davies, Born 30th Oct 1872: Place; Cumlran Monmouthshire Wales Died July 1874 at same place: Burried Pontnewynydd church yard Wales. Emily Susan Davies; Born 10th Nov 1873: Babtized 20th May 1884; Emergrated to Utah May 1888; Married to Thomas Mark White English convert 11th Dec. 1893; Endowed 12th June 1895; Sealed to Husband 12th June 1895 at Salt Lake Temple, From this Union have; 12 children; 6 son & 6 girls. Emily on coming to Utah work out at House Keeper for Promient familys like the Ashton & Lamb familys. She took sick & for sometime could not perform work of anykind. Everything that could be done for her was done Untill one day a nice looking Elderly Man came to door & told Mother to gather some kind of hurb that was growing wild the Name of plant I dont now recall the Name. But I use to go up on Bench & gather the Plant. Mother was told by Man to make a tea & give it to the girl & she would be healed; & she was. Where the Man came from & where he went no one new But we know sister Emily was healed. On the birth of her first child at Vernal Utah where now she & Husband lived having moved there from (p. 72) Salt Lake; the Baby did not live long. The Doctor said she should have no more family, if she did, she would not live herself. Alright she said I may die, but dont think I will & I am going to have a family. That was her faith & she did have a family of 8 more; five son's & Daughters & she still live's & enjoying good helth; & this to, after having to raise the family without her Husband for he passed away when some of children was young & all needed the care of both Parents. Husband Died 1916 at Sugar House Salt Lake City; where they moved back from Vernal in 1896; where Emily & most of her family now live; 2 girls live at California one Girl at Texas; the rest of family live at Salt Lake City all married & have family's of

there Own. Charles Henry Davies; Born 26th Dec 1874; at Cumlran Monmouthshire Wales Baptized 17th March 1884; Emergrated May 1888; returned to Native land on Mission Oct 1897; Endowed 7th Oct 1897. Salt Lake Temple; Married Harriet Hodgson 5th Dec 1901--Salt Lake Temple; from this Union; 7 children, 4 Son's & 3 Daughters; His life with this Record. Now living at Idaho Falls. George Ellis Davies Born 13th March 1876 at Cumlran Monmouthshire Wales Died 29th Aug 1880; Same Place; Burried Pontnewynydd church yard Wales. Sarah Jane Davies Born 10th June 1877; at Cumlran Monmouthshire So Wales Baptized 17th Dec 1886; Emergrated May 1888; to Sugar House Salt Lake City moved with Parents to Vernal Utah 1895; Married to Edward T Carloxs (blank space) at Vernal Utah from this Union have 4 children one son & 3 Daughters-- Husband Died (blank space) at Vernal Utah; Endowed & sealed to Husband; (p. 73) Josiah Davies--Born 30th May 1879 at Cumlran Monmouthshire So Wales Died 3rd Jan 1881; Same Place; Burried Pontnewynydd church yard So Wales. Oliver Davies--Twin Born 24th Oct 1880; Cumlran Monmouthshire So Wales Died Oct 1880; Same place Burried Pontnewynydd church yard So Wales Iven Davies--Twin Born 24th Oct 1880; Cumlran Monmouthshire So Wales Died Oct 1880; Same place Burried at Pontnewynydd church yard So Wales. Elizabeth Louisa Davies Born 7th Jan 1882; Cumlran Monmouthshire So Wales Died Oct 1884 Same place Burried Pontnewynydd church yard Monmouthshire So Wales. Ellis Edward Davies--Born 22nd Dec 1882; Cumlran Monmouthshire So Wales Emergrated to Utah; May 1888; Baptized 2nd Aug 1891; at Sugar House Ward Salt Lake City; moved to Vernal with Parents 1895; To Idaho; (space) Plano Ward then Fremont Stake; where he meet his wife Ellen Hemsley who's Parents was Pioneer's from England they was Married & Endowed at Salt Lake Temple; 11th Jan 1905. From this Union there are 5 children; 3 son's and one Daughter; who died young; 10 Days after Birth; 17th Sept 1906; Burried

at Plano church yard; Ellis died 4th Dec 1918; with the Flue Epidemic. Was Burried at Plano Church Yard; 5th Dec 1918; Wife & Son's still live at Plano Ward now Rexburg stake; Rexburg Route #3; Son's Married & have family's. I cannot let this pass without saying a word about his faithful wife who is such a good true Wife & Mother; how she cared for & raised those 3 Son's under sometimes very trying circumstance's. They was all down with the Flue & very sick at the time there Father & husband was taken from them. But they have been blessed of the Lord in many ways and they are all well thought of By all Frederick George Davies; Born 19th June 1884; Cumlran Monmouthshire So Wales Emergrated to Utah May 1888; Baptized 15th July 1892; Sugar House Ward Salt Lake (p. 74) moved with Parents to Vernal 1895; & to Plano Ward Rexburg, Idaho (blank space for date) where he meet his Wife Margrett Hemsley sister of Ellen Ellis is Wife; & was Endowed & Married at Salt Lake Temple; (space) From this Union there are (blank) children (blank) son & (blank) Daughter's after farming at Plano untill (blank) sold out & moved back to Salt Lake where he took up the House Plaster trade where family now live; all children but (blank) Married & have familys of there Own; Albert James Davies Born 6th July 1885; Cumlran Monmouthshire South Wales Died Nov 1885, at same place; Burried at Pontnewynydd Monmouth So Wales Joseph Thomas Davies Born 5th July 1886; Cumlran Monmouthshire South Wales Died Feb 1887; at same place Burried at Pontnewynydd Church Yard South Wales Alice Davies--Born 1st July 1889; at Sugar House Salt Lake City Utah Blessed By Bishop Apolas P Driggs 1st Aug 1889. Died Oct 1889, Burried at Salt Lake City Cemetary. Now shall give as much Has I have of History of My Mothers Parents; Richard Ellis & Mary Matthews: First Richard Ellis--Born 10th March 1811; Place Llithowall or Llandenny Monmouthshire; So Wales; this is Mothers record; From Branch records; Place of birth is Raglon; & from our

research; give place Llanllowell; all are close together; Gess Mother; spelt Llithowall for Llanllowell; Richard was son of Edward Ellis & Ann Jenkins; His occupation; was Miner; Wireworker & labour; & at one time they had a Pottery store at Pontypool; Was Baptized 11th Jan 1852; Ordained Decon; 28th March 1852; Ordained Elder 21st Nov 1864 Married 9th Feb 1843; at St Marys Church District of Newport Monmouthshire Wales; By Edward Metcalfe Catholic Priest, in Presence of Jeremiah Hennessy & Mary Crowley. Emergrated to Utah Aug 1878 live at old 10th Ward; by Salt Lake Brewery; on about 12 East street; Made Dobies out of (p. 75) dirt from lot & Built own home a one room house; where he died 28th Jan 1891; Burried 1st Feb 1891; at Salt Lake Cemetary--Was Endowed 16th Aug 1883; Sealed Wife Same date; Salt Lake Endowment House; Children of this couple Edward Richard Ellis; No place of Birth or date; Hope to get it. Sealed to parents 12 July 1893. Wm John Ellis; no place of birth or date sealed Parents 12 July 1893 Elizabeth Ellen Ellis--Isaac Ellis (Wife of Richard Ellis Mary Matthews record should be placed before these children; I got in a hurry) Ann Ellis--Born 30th Aug 1846 Surrey London Eng Bap 10th Nov 1861--End. 4 Dec 1889 Died 19th June 1910 Sealed to Parents 12 July 1893 Sealed to Husband 13 Sept 1895. Mary Ellis Born 12 Oct 1849 Monmouth Monmouthshire Wales Bapt 28th Nov. 1875 Endowed 14th July 1893. sealed to Husband 18th Dec 1901; Salt Lake Temple seal to Parents 12th July 1893. Martha Ellis--Born 30 July 1852 Trevethen Monmouthshire Wales; Babtized 26th April 1868--Endowed 6th March 1879; Sealed to Husband James Harvey, Sametime; Died 25th Feb 1920 Seal to Parents 12 July 1893. Omitted geting record of Mother Mary Matthews befor children; whould be entered before children. Mary Matthews Wife of Richard Ellis; Born 1st Nov 1813: Place Drumconda Neath Ireland. Baptized 21st Jan 1852; at Pontypool Wales: Endowed 16th Aug 1883--sealed to Husband same date Salt Lake City

Emergrated about 1879; to 10th Ward Salt Lake--One Death of Husband moved to Sugar House Ward & lived with Daughter Ann Davies & family; Died 20th March 1892; Burried 22 March Salt Lake Cemetary a short time before her death; she called Mother & myself into her Room, it way about Noon of a nice spring day; she told of her Husband who have Passed away a few months before coming to her & telling her she must come he had a place prepared for her; Mother tried to make her believe she had been Dreaming but she said no she way awake; said her room started to go dark & she woundered if it was geting night when room got dark. A bright light came through the window funnel shape to foot of her Bed & at end of funnel stood Grandfather her husband after speaking to her he left with the light & the room got to where it was at first at Noon day. She told her Husband she was ready & told Mother & myself she was leaving which she did in peaceful sleep. Now for record of Richard Ellis is Parents & Brothers & sisters as much has I have at this time to give. Edward Ellis: Born about 1788; Place--Llanlowell Monmouthshire So Wales (p. 76) Baptized for at Manti Temple 31st Dec 1888; Endowed 1st Nov 1889. (Wife) Ann Jenkins; Born about 1790; Llanlowell Monmouthshire South Wales Babtized for Manti Temple; 14th Jan 1889. Endowments 16th Jan 1889 sealed to Husband 5th Dec 1889; Couple have 5 children, 4 sons and 1 daughter, as followers in order: Wm Ellis--Born 16th Nov 1808; Place Llanllowell Monmouthshire So Wales Babtized 10th Dec 1889; Endowments 31st Jan 1894 Sealed to Parents 8th April 1921. Edward Ellis--Born 25th Dec 1809 Place--Llanllowell Monmouthshire Wales Baptized 31st Dec 1888. Endowments 6th Nov 1889 sealed to Parents 8th April 1921. Richard Ellis Born--10th March 1811 Llanllowell Monmouthshire Wales Baptized 11th Jan 1852, Endowments 12 July 1893, Sealed to parents 8th April 1921, Married 9 Feb 1843, sealed to wife 12 July 1893, Died 28 Jan 1891, Martha Ellis--

Born 1813, Place--Llanllowell Monmouthshire South Wales, Babtized 14th Jan 1889, Endowments (Jan) 17th 1889, sealed to Parents April 8th 1921. Isaac Ellis--Born 3rd March 1816, Place--Llanllowell Monmouthshire Wales, Baptized 31 Dec 1888, Endowded 6th Nov 1889, sealed to parents 8 April 1921. This is GrandMother Matthews Parents & family what I have Hugh Matthews--Birth no date, Place--Ireland, Baptized 31st Dec 1888, Endowed 7th Jan 1889, sealed to Wife 11th Dec 1889. Wife of Hugh Matthews, Mrs Ann Matthews Born no date, Place--Irdee Ireland, Baptized 14th Jan 1889, Endowments 18 Jan 1889, sealed to Husband 11th Dec 1889. Children of this couple: Mary Matthews--Born 1st Nov 1813, Place--Irdee Ireland, Baptized 14th Jan 1853 Endowed 12th July 1893, sealed to Husband 12 July 1893, Married 9th Feb 1843, Died 20th March 1892. Sealed to Parents 8th April 1921. Julia Matthews--Born about 1817. Place--Irdee Ireland Baptized 14th Jan 1889, Endowments--5th Dec 1889, sealed to parents 8th April 1921. Catherence Matthews--Born about 1819, Place--Irdee Ireland, Baptized 14th Jan 1889, End. 6th Dec. 1889, sealed to Parents 8th April 1921. In as much that we have mentioned much about Pontypool where much of the familys lived & some of my parents children, namely 2 older girls & boy was born & where my parents was Married, shall give some brief History of Pontypool, which is in the county of Monmouthshire South Wales. The Name Pontypool came from Ponty (Pull) (p. 77) the Bridge over the Pit or pool. The local Government act of 1894 Pontypool was constituted a civial Parish. Previous to this from 1863 it had been governed By a local board. Sence 1894 the Town has had an Urban council consisting of 18 members. At pontypool was the earliest Printing Presses in Wales--1740. Pontypool is an important town. Sprang up the 15th Century in consequence of the Iron works established there. The Parish comprises 10,358 acres and reaches up to the town of Blaenavon including many populous places, such as

Pontnewynydd, where my Parents children are Burried. Also Garndiffacth & the varteg, where my 2 older sisters & brother Dan was Born in an old adobe House on the hill side. Trevethin where my mothers parents lived & where Aunt Martha Ellis Harvey was Born is the Name of the ancient Parish of Pontypool. "Pontnewynydd," refers to on the Many Bridges over the Afonlwyd & is an important part of the town of Pontypool. The grave yard is there & the old church stands there, called church yard. Now this information am going to give of my Fathers People I received when on my mission in Wales & all the Temple work have been done for them in the Logan Temple. By myself & wife & son Glenn & Daughter Ruth, Aug (?) 1926. Work all finished 1933, Jemey Hemsley, Job Hemsleys wife helped with all sealings. John Jenkins & Mary Morgan his wife. This Mary Morgan is a sister to Ann Morgan my Fathers Mother. This couple both died in the year 1850 & was burried at Saint Marys Church grave yard at Cardiff Glammarganshire Wales. Can only give information as I received from Grave stone, at time John Jenkins Born at Cardiff Wales--died 1850, Baptized 3rd Aut 1926, Endowed 14th June 1933, sealed to wife 28th July 1933. Mary Morgan His Wife--Born at Cardiff Glamarganshire Wales, died Oct 3 1817 at age 82, baptized 3rd Aug 1926, End. 8th Feb 1932. James Thomas--my Fathers Uncle--Born 1808 at Merthyr Glamorganshire South Wales. He died at same place 29th Sept 1869. Was 61 yers old, baptized 3rd Aut 1926, (p. 78) Endowed 16th June 1933, sealed to wife 28th July 1933. His wife Eliza Thomas--Born 1812 at Radnershire North Wales, Died 22nd April 1881, Babtized 3rd Aug. 1926, Endowed 14th June 1933, sealed to Husband 28th July 1933. There son James Thomas Jr.--Born 1847 at Rhymney Glamarganshire Wales, Died 1858, age 11 years at death, babtized 3rd Aug 1926, Endowed 16th June 1933, sealed to parents 28th July 1933. Son Thomas Thomas--Born about 1847 at Rhymney Glamarganshire South Wales, died 1851, age 4 years at

death. Daughter Eunice Thomas--Born about 1852, Place Rymney Glamarganshire Wales, died same place Aug 21st 1880 at age 28 years, Babtized 3rd Aug 1926, Endowed 14th June 1933, sealed to parents 28th July 1933. Daughter Eliza Thomas--Born about 1839 at Rhymney Glamorganshire Wales, died same place, 1850 age 11 years. Baptized 3rd Aug 1926, Endowed 14th June 1933, sealed to parents 28th July 1933. John Evans, Husband of Mary Thomas my Fathers cousin--Born at Llanidloes North Wales about 1831, died at Rhymeny Glamorganshire So Wales Jan 25th 1889. Age when died 56, baptized 3rd Aug 1926, Endowed 28th July 1933. Edward Evans, son of John Evans--Born about 1869 at Rhymney Glamorshire Wales, died Dec 21st 1880, age 11 years, baptized 3rd Aug 1926, Endowed 28th July 1933. Sarah Evans, Wife of Wm Evans, who is the son of John and Mary Thomas Evans, My Fathers cousin, she was Born 1861 at Rhymney Glamorganshire So Wales, died 25th Jan 1894, Baptized 3rd Aug 1933, Endowed 16th Jan 1933. Sarah Evans Husband Wm is Fathers 2nd cousin. She was 33 years old when died. The names of some of these family's are not entered & the work not done for them, they was living when I was back there on my Mission & received only the Names & Relation of the one's dead. I enter this explation so the family will know, am in hopes some day to be able with research get them all connected up. As explained in the starting of records, can only give what I have on hand at this time. Now as stated in the Record before my Mother Ann Ellis with her sister Martha Ellis Harvey did Temple work at Manti Temple & it seem as though at that time they could do the Temple work without date or Place of Birth, for much has I give now of Record of that Temple work is such. But so the family can have it in this record at there request shall so make entery of same, hoping & praying that (p. 79) sometime we may receive the rest of record. Mothers Great Grand Parents, Great Grandfather Matthews--Born Ireland. Babtized

31st Dec. 1888, Endowed 18th Jan 1889. His wife Born Ireland, Babtized 14th Jan 1889. Endowed 13 Dec 1889, Sealed 18th Dec 1889. Her Great GrandFather Ellis--Born England, Babtized for 31 Dec 1888, End. 16 Jan 1889. His Wife Born England, Babtized for 14 Jan 1889, End. 12 Dec 1889, Sealed 18 Dec 1889. Her Great Grandfather Jenkins--Born England, Baptized 31 Dec 1888, End 30 Oct 1889. His Wife--Born England, Babtized 14 Jan 1889, End 19 Dec 1889, sealed 19 Dec 1889. Wm Morgan--Born England, Baptized 31 Dec 1888, End 8 Nov 1889. His wife Martha Ellis--Born 1813--Llandenny England, Bapt 14 Jan 1889, End 17 Jan 1889, 5th Dec 1889 this Martha Ellis is my Mothers Aunt. James Morgan-Born about 1700, Place Magger Monmouthshire, Baptized 10th Dec 1889, End 1 Feb 1894. Wife Ann Matthews--Born about 1700, Place Varteg Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 10th Dec 1889, End 20 Dec 1889, Sealed to husband 8 April 1921. Ann Matthes, My Mothers 2nd Cousin. James Davies--Born about 1768, Place--Usk Monmouthshire Wales, Babptized 11 July 1893, End 14 Feb 1894. Wife Mary Ellis Mothers cousin--Born about 1770, place, Usk Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 14 July 1893, sealed to Husband 8 April 1921. Lewis Williams--Born about 1780, place--Usk Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 14 Feb 1894. Wife Ann Ellis, cousin of my mother--Born about 1782, Place--Usk Monmouthshire Wales Bapt 11 July 1893, End 26 July, sealed 8 April 1921. John Williams Born about 1698, Llantresant Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 15 Feb 1894. Wife Elizabeth Ellis, Mothers cousin, Born about 1700. Place--Llantresant Monmouthsire Wales, Babt 11 July 1893, End 27 July 1893, sealed 8 April 1921. John Hayward--Born about 1700, place--Llantresant Monmouthsire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 21 Feb 1894. Wife Martha Jenkins, cousin of my Mother--Born about 1700, place--Llantresant Monmouthsire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 11 Aug 1893, sealed 8 April 1921. John Linzey--Born 1700, Place--Llantresant Monmouthsire Wales,

Bapt 11 July 1893, End 22 Feb 1894. Wife, Elizabeth Jenkins 1700, place--Llantresant Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 18 Aug 1893, sealed 8 April 1921. John Matthews--Born 1700, Place--Goytry Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 23 Feb 1894. Wife, Mrs. Hannah Matthews--Born 1700, Place--Goytry Monmouthsire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 23 Aug 1893, sealed 8 April 1921. Henry Fredrick--Born 1700, Place, Llanderry Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, (p. 80) Endowed 22 Feb 1894. Wife Mary Fisher--Born 1700, Place--Llanderry Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 23 Aug 1893, Sealed 8 April 1921. John Jones--Born 1700, Place--Eston Herefordshire England, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 23 Feb 1894. Wife Mrs. Mary Jones--Born about 1700, Place--Eston Herefordshire England, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 24 Aug 1893, sealed 8 April 1921. James Ellis--Born about 1700, Place, Abergavenny Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 10 Dec 1889 Endowed 2 Feb 1894. Wife, Mrs. James Ellis--Born about 1700, Place--Abergavenny Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 18 Dec 1889, End 21 Dec 1889, Sealed 8 April 1921. Thomas Morgan--Born 4 May 1735, Place--Llantrisant Monmouthshire So Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 28 Feb 1894. Wife, Elizabeth Morgan--Born 17 Jan 1736, Place--Caerleon Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 6 Sept 1893, sealed 28 July 1933. James Davies--Born about 1810, place--Merthyr Glamorganshire So Wales, Bapt 18 Dec 1889, End 8 Feb 1894. Wife, Mrs. Eliza Davies--Birth no date, Place--Merthyr Glamorganshire Wales, Bapt 18 Dec 1889, End 27 Dec 1889, Sealed 28 July 1933. Margrett Morgan--Born about 1811, Raglon Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 June 1895, End 13 June 1895. John Ellis--Born 1774, at Kannes Monmouthsire Wales, Bapt July 11 1893, End 9 Feb 1894. This is my Mothers Uncle. Wm Ellis--Born 1815, Place--Abergavenny Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 10 Dec 1889, End 31 Jan 1894, Releative Ann Matthews--Born about 1816, place--Goytry Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 18 Aug 1893. Margrett

Jenkins--Born no date or place only Monmouthshire, Bapt 10 Dec 1889, End 26 Dec 1889, My Mothers Neice. Wm Jenkins--Born no date, Place--Llanover Wales Monmouthshire, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 15 Feb 1894. John Jenkins--Born no date, Llanover Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, Endowed 16 Feb 1894. Richard Jenkins--Born no date, Llanover Monmouthsire So Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 16 Feb 1894. Isaac Jenkins--Born no date, Llanover Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 11 July 1893, End 21 Feb 1894. Am not placing in this Record all Temple work done by my Mother, only names that are relatives of family, so far has I am able to learn. Will now give Record of Temple work performed by the family & friends received through our family Research By the Church Genealogical Society. Mr. Matthews--Born about 1795, Green Grocer Brecon Wales, Bapt 2 Nov 1946, End 6 Nov 1946, sealed to wife 26 June 1947. (p. 81) Wife, Elizabeth Evans--Born 1799, Green Grocer, Brecon Wales, Bapt 2 Nov 1946, Endowed 6 Nov 1946, sealed 26 June 1947. Children of couple: Mary Matthews--Born 1828, Trevethin Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 2 Nov 1946, End 6 Nov 1946, sealed to parents 26 June 1947. Caroline Matthews--Born 1830, Trevethin Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 2 Nov 1946, End 8 Nov 1946, seal to parents 26 June 1947, Sarah Matthew--Born 1832, Trevethin Monmouthshire Wales, Bapt 2 Nov 1946, End 13 Nov 1946, seal to parents 26 June 1947. John Matthews--Born about 1637, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 Nov 1946, Endowed 26 Nov 1946, seal to Wife 26 June 1947. Wife, Mrs John Matthews--Born about 1641, Place--Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 12 July 1946, seal to Husband 26 June 1947. Children of couple: Elizabeth Matthews--Born 6 Aug 1663 at Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 10 July 1946, seal to Parents 26 June 1947. Ralph Matthes--Born 23 March 1670 at Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 24 July 1946, seal Parents 26 June 1947. Andrew Stevens--Born about 1638 at Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 6

Sept 1940. Endowed 6 Nov 1940, seal to wife 26 June 1947. Wife Ann Matthews--Born about 1642, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 26 June 1946, sealed to Husband 26 June 1947. This couple was Married 16 March 1663, same place as Birth. Children of this couple: William Stevens--Born 27 April 1664, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt Sept 6 1940, End 7 Nov 1946, seal to Parents 26 June 1947. Anne Stevens--Born 28 March 1669, Place--Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, seal to Parents 26 June 1947. Nicholas Matthews--Born about 1604 at Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 22 Nov 1946, seal to wife 26 June 1947. Wife, Mrs Amis Matthews--Born about 1608 at Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 12 July 1946, seal to Husband 26 June 1947. Children of couple: Frances Matthews--Born 18 April 1630, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 21 June 1946, Seal to parents 26 June 1947. Edward Matthews--Born 28 Nov 1632, Banstead Surrey England, 2 April 1946, End 25 July 1946, Seal to Parents 26 June 1947. Alice Matthews--Born 29 Dec 1633, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 21 June 1946, Seal to Parents 26 June 1947. Catherine Matthews--Born 19 Feb 1636, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 12 July 1946, Sealed to Parents 26 June 1947. Francis Matthews--Born about 1672, Banstead Surrey England, Married 4 Aug 1697 at Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 7 May 1946, sealed to Wife 1 May 1947 (p. 82) his wife Mary Hinde--Born about 1676 at Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 17 July 1946, Sealed 1 May 1947. Jeoffry Matthews--Born about 1663, at Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 12 July 1946. Wife Mrs Jeoffry Matthews--Born about 1667 at Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 18 July 1946, Sealed to Husband 1 May 1947. Son, Jeoffry Matthews--Born 15 Dec 1695 at Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 12 Sept 1946, Seal to Parents 1 May 1947. Hugh Langford--Born about 1649, Banstead Surrey England, Married 18 June 1674,

Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 2 May 1946. Wife Anne Matthews--Born about 1653, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 18 July 1946, Sealed to Husband 1 May 1947. Robert Matthews--Born about 1643, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 17 July 1946. Wife Mrs. Robert Matthews--Born about 1647, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 19 July 1946, Sealed to Husband 1 May 1947. Children: Catherine Matthews--Born 19 March 1669, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 26 June 1946, Seal to Parents 1 May 1947. Anne Matthews--Born 9 Oct 1670, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 17 July 1946, Sealed to Parents 1 May 1947. Robert Matthews--Born 17 March 1674, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 9 July 1946, Sealed to Parents 1 May 1947. John Matthews--Born about 1627, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 12 June 1946. Wife Jane Hallewell--Born about 1631, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 31 May 1946, Seal to Husband 1 May 1947. Daughter Anne Matthews--Born 30 Nov 1653, Banstead Surrey England, Baptized 2 April 1946, End 8 July 1946, Seal to Parents 1 May 1947. Jeoffry Matthews--Born about 1625, Banstead Surrey England, Married 23 May 1650, Bapt 2 April 1946, Endowed 8 May 1946,. Wife, Elizabeth Trevett--Born about 1629, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 16 July 1946, Sealed to Husband 1 May 1947. James Matthews--Born about 1598, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 18 July 1946, Seal to wife 1 May 1947. Wife Mrs James Matthews--Born about 1602, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 13 June 1946, Seal 1 May 1947. Daughter, Frances Matthews--Born 24 Jan 1624, Banstead Surrey England, Baptized 2 April 1946, End 12 July 1946, Sealed to Parents 1 May 1947. Thomas Matthews (p. 83) Born about 1596, Banstead, Surrey England, Married 6 Nov 1621, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 18 July 1946. Wife, Jane Rich Bell--Born about 1600, Banstead

Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 28 June 1946, Sealed to Husband 1 May 1947. Thomas Matthews--Born about 1549, Banstead Surrey England, Married 2 May 1574, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 18 July 1946. Wife Elizabeth Gooldewyre--Born about 1553, Banstead Surrey England, Bapt 2 April 1946, End 28 June 1946, Sealed to Husband 1 May 1947. (pp. 84-87 are information from Genealogical Library Salt Lake City of Dingestow Church Yard Records is omitted from here because of its limited interest.) Now after completeing the records I have Just giving I now now they are not complete But as stated can only record here what I have in the hope that as we work together faithfully & Prayfully we shall be able to link together what we now are missing. This is the Purpose for which we are Organized as a family & I humble Pray that we shall continue to the end. I shall now give for the Benifitt of my children & all interested a short sketch of my calling's in the Priesthood & church. So that it shall be together & easally seen at a glance in place of checking through the hole History: I was Ordained a Deacon in July 1888. Just after my Emergration to Sugar House Ward & soon called to Preside over Quoram. Ordained Teacher in 1891 & Preside's over that Quoram. Ordained Priest Aug 1 1895 & an Elder 18 Sept 1897, a Seventy 7 Oct 1897, High Priest 13 May 1917. Was Member of Ward Bishoprick 10 years. Ward teacher all my life & still am. District President of Ward Teachers in the Presidency of Ward YMMIA. Member of Ward & Stake Choir, Representative of Era Magazine, Sunday School Teacher & Sec & Tres of Sunday School, Sunday School Ward Chorister, President of Ward Religion Class, Stake Board Member of Religion Class Member of Ward Old folks Committee, Ward Superviser of Genealogical Committee, Ward Superviser of Aaronic Priesthood. Have done research work at church Genealogical Library. Am life Member of Socitety, also life Member of Mutual. Took out life Member-

ship when started for five Dollars. Was member of Genealogical Research Club & took the full course ofered. Was special Missionary for the MIA in the Uintah Stake, over 2 years Mission in the British Mission, 2 years a Stake Missionary. Have been sec of Ward High Priest Quoram & chairman of High Priest Personal Welfare Committee & at Present am Sec of Stake High Priest Quoram. (p. 88) Married at Salt Lake Temple 5 Dec 1901 to Harriet Hodgson the Daughter of Jeffery & Hannah Hodgson, who crossed the Ocean from England with there Parents & family in sailing vessel taking 6 weeks. Twin Baby's was Born By my Wife GrandMother on ocean. Both died crossing the Plain's as also some other's of the family all found grave's on the Plains. The family at first live with other familys at church Tithing lott. Later got Building lots at old 20 Ward where they build home. They having been Wool factory worker's was called to work at old wool factory at mouth of Parley's Canyon, where my wife was Born on Side of Hill in Adobe House. They Joined Sugar House Ward & later bought land & build a small house of Adobe's with board & dirt roof, where I meet my wife just after my Emergration from Wales to Sugar House. We practically grew up together attend the same school (what little school I received). We attend to our church duties & Parties. Wife from a young girl took an active part in church. She sang in ward choir, was among the first to be called by the church to take Kindergarten course, Where she taught in Sunday School for long time, then was called to the Primary work both in Ward & the Stake where she laboured untill coming to Idaho. When she was called into the Relief Socity where she laboured as Ward President for 12 years & was a member of Socity & ward teacher up untill she passed away. Was the mother of 7 children, 4 boys & 3 girl. There was no finer mother anywhere & no man ever had a finer companion. God Bless her Memory & keep me true & faithfull to her & to the

church she dearly loved. As also her children. Now for Benfitt of all will give some instruction on the Genealogical Research work which I have received from much labour & studying in the hope it will cause an interest on the part of at least some of the family if not all. What is a family & what consist a family organization? A family consists of the father & Mother & all the children & decendants. Those Marrying descendants are also classed as members of the family such a family group can only be formed by the Mariage of the parents & the birth of Children, Grandchildren etc. When the Parents are Married for Eternity (p. 89) & the children are Born in the covenant the family Organization will be of everlasting duration for all members who prove faithfull. How a family is named: by taking its name from the Father of the whole group. Thus if George Thomas is the common ancestor, the family is known as the Geo Thomas family. In case this common ancestor married more than once & there are descendants of his several wives. It becomes necessary to specify which wife's descendants are included in the Organization in order that all in each group may have common parentage. Thus there will be the Geo Thomas & Jane Davies family the Geo Thomas & Ann Ellis family, etc. It is essental that the family be accurately defined in order that all members will have a common interest and objective in research & Temple work. What is the purpose of a family Organization: While the father or Mother of a family is alive the Organization is intact & complete, without further action. The Father is the presiding officer & in case of his absence or Death the Mother Presides. This position of Presidencey will always be vested in the father even though he may now be in the spirit world. He still stands at the head. Where the parents are dead in order that the descendants may function as a unit under a common head, It becomes necessary for the members to choose a President & other officers of

the family to act in lien of the actual President the Father who is dead, such a group is Organized to carry on the specific responsibility which the father would carry were he here & active in Genealogy & Temple work. To compile a family record containing the record of all the family groups of his descendants & all the family if possible all the ordinances for all these persons are administered & all the descendants & ancestors are connected by the bonds of Sealing. The family Organization is simply acting in the stead of the common Father of the group, carrying on his work compilling his family record & seeing that the Temple work is done which is necessary to make his perfection & happiness complete. Now who may be chosen to Preside: (p. 90). Confusion has arisen in the minds of many between the Patriarchal order of family government & the right of the father to rule.-- Is eternal and cannot be set aside. In the church today however the ancient right of first born son to take presedence over the younger sons is not always observed. Many family organizations holding fast to the belief that the first born son must by right of birth be chosen president have languished & failed by lack of efficient leadership. A rigid adherence to the rule of the firstborn Presiding in families may result in the selection of the one least qualified by ability & training and interest the one with least capacity for leadership, the one least worthy & even if the oldest son of the oldest son is chosen the youngest in age. The members of a family therefore may choose anyone of their number as President. They should choose the person best qualified for the position by worthiness & ability. It is a good practice to have this office held from time to time by various members of the family. Other officers in addition to the selection of a good live President, there should be chosen two vice presidents to act as his first & second assistants & a secretary-treasurer. This group comprises the executive committee

which assumes active general supervision of the activities of the family Organization. It is essential that such persons be selected for these positions as can meet together readily & frequently. The Genealogist should be selected because of ability for research & record keeping & should compile the Genealigical record of all the descendants & all the ancestors of the one for whom the Organization is named. All research on the lines of ancestry of the common progenitor should be by or under the direction of the Genealogist. The membership of the Genealogist in the Genealogical Society of Utah will enable him to trace any of his ancestral lines. This of course will include the ancestry of the common progenitor of the family. He should see that names are kept in all the Temples attended by any of the family. The Historian of the family should compile a Biographical record, illustrated & made attractive with pictures & anecdotes of members of the family including all such de- (p. 91) tails as do not properly belong in the Genealogical record. The Temple representative or Temple Committee should assume the duty of mobilizing for active service in the Temple work every available person in the family. To frequently only a small nucleus have participated in this all important Phase & the larger numbers have been allowed to remain passively inactive. The Temple representative or the Temple Committee (if the duties require more than one) should plan and arrange for family excursions. About Annual Meetings, families should meet at least once every year. Conference time usually provides an opportunity for many to meet. At this meeting a regular program of procedure should be followed including the election of officers. If the Genealogist Historian & Temple representative are giving efficient service they should not be changed too frequently. Great care should be taken to notify all eligible members of the time & place of the meetings. Annual dues: All members of the association having a vote in the election of

officers, say all over 16 years of age, should pay an annual due of whatever amount is decided upon by the family. This should be used for research & Temple work & other expenses connected with the organization. Family Reunions: It is part of wisdom for families to meet at intervals in regualar reunions & mingle together in a social way. By their becoming better acquainted, family solidarity & unity will be increased and their desire for cooperation will be strengthened. Now how should all start there Record of Genealogy by starting a Pedigree chart with yourself on top of line & your Husband or wife on line under first Name. No 2 line for your Father, no 3 line for your Mother, No 4 line your Fathers, Father on No 5 line your Fathers Mother. No 6 line your Mother Father, No 7 line your Mothers Mother and so on carry out the chart as far has you can. Remember you always start with yourself & go back. Every member of the family in fact every member of the church should have in there possession a family record. Worthy of all acceptation, "Let all the records be in order, that they may be put in the archives of my Holy Temple to be held in remembrance from Generation to Generation Saith the Lord of Hosts." Doc & Cov: 127-9 Every one of you should see that your Records is there. We all should be anxiously engaged in the (p. 92) good cause. They say live and learn, But let us learn & live that we may have Eternal life. Who should be the Heir of family. This we all have to get before doing Temple work for our dead. The Heir is the Oldest male desendent Baptized into the church. In writing dates the right way is--26th of Dec 1898 & not Dec 26th 1898. The Months, you can use: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec. Each family after filling out Pedigree chart, should fill out a family group chart, one family sheet for each family on your chart. If you will write a little each day you will accomplish much for a small beginning grow to mighty works.

Get all the information you can from your living relatives by visiting them if you can or by writing them stating what you are doing & just what information you want. We live in the day of Small beginnings. We are laying the foundation of a Marvelous work and a wonder which is about to come forth among the children of Men. Vol 3: Utah Gen Magazine by Nephi Anderson. I now court from the saying of the Prophet Joseph Smith Page 165 of his teaching: You are in the pathway to Eternal fame & immortal glory & inasmuch as you feel interested for the covenant people of the Lord The God of their fathers shall bless you. Do not be discouraged on account of the greatness of the work only be humble & faithfull & then you can say What art thou, O Great mountain. Before Zeraablabel shalt there be brought down. He who scattered Isreal has promised to gather them. Therefore in asmuch as you are to be Instrumental in this great work. He will endow you with power. Wisdom might & Intelligence and every qualification neccessary while your minds will expand wider & wider untill you can circumscribe the Earth & the heavens, reach forth into Eternity & contemplate the might Acts of Jehovah in all their variety & Glory. Now read Doc & Cov 1:312-316 by the Prophet of the Lord, for he said, I am prepared to say by the authority of Jesus Christ, That not many years shall pass away before the United States shall present such a scene of bloodshed as has not a parallel in the History of our nation. Pestilence, Hail, Femine and EarthQuake will sweep the wicked of this generation from off the face of the land. To open & prepare the way for the (p. 93) return of the lost Tribes of Israel from the North Country. The family group is a God-given unit of human & celestial Organization. It is the logical unit for Organizing the Information we obtain of our ancestors. A record based upon the family unit is the most convenient & acceptable form of record. In seeking after our dead, therefore we seek after them, 1st by

Name, 2nd by family groups, 3rd by dates & place's to further identify them always we are seeking for more than mere names, dates & places. We must ascertain the complete family group of each & all our progenitors & our own descendants. In view of the Patriarchal order of the priesthood. Our first interest & duty is to follow the chain of Fathers thro which that Priesthood descends to us by Birth right that it maybe linked up in completeness so that we may become legal Heirs to the Priesthood. That is the Male line. Through our Fathers, is the first responsibility. (The record Genealogy of the Savior is that of his Progenitors in the direct Male line.) Wilford Woodruff said in Law of Doctrine, Vol 15 Page 145--That the sealing Principles that revelation which God has given are what has stayed terrible Judgments on the earth, and why we are still on earth is because of work being done in our Temples. The first principle of research is Faith. If you think you dare not, you don't. If you think you're beaten you are. Have faith that you can trace it & then work to fulfill that desire. For you know faith without works are dead. All Israel was reckoned by Genealogies. You are a remnant of Joseph the prosterity of Ephriam. The talents we have Heaven lends for right using & not for Ignoring & not for abusing. Lack of Healthfull mental and Physical occupation & stimlus will certainly procure craving for unhealthly excitement. Therefore, see to it that you are thus Occupied. Let not your hearts be troubled for in my Fathers house are many Mansions & I have prepared a place for you. That where my Fathers are there you May be also. For if you will that I give unto you a place in the celestial world. You must prepare yourself by doing the things which I have commanded you & required of you. That you may come up the crown prepared for you & be made ruler over my kingdoms saith the Lord God the Holy (p. 94) one of Zion. These sought their register among those that were recorded by

Genealogy but they were not found. Therefore were they as Polluted put from the Priesthood. Ezra 2:59,61,62. In seeking them we must be ever watchfull for clues which will help to establish the family relationship in the records we are compilling. Tho this maybe a longer harder method requiring more faith & skill than the mere copying of unconnected Names. By it we shall gradually & surely build up & reconstruct the Generations of the past. By & By says (Brigham Young) We shall get them perfect. What man of you having an hundred sheep if he lose one of them doth not leave the ninty & nine in the wilderness & go after that which is lost untill he find it & when he cometh home. He calleth together his friends & neighbours, Saying unto the, Rejoice with me for I have found my sheep which was lost. Luke 15; 4-6. How much then is a Man better than a sheep. Matt 12:17 Every Latter Day Saint by virtue of Birth is responsible by Birth to see that every lost sheep is found. Read the word of the Lord to his Prophet Ezekel 34 Chp. 12-31. And the word of the Lord came into me Saying, Son of Man Prophesy against the shepherds of Israel Prophesy and say unto them. Thus saith the Lord God into the Shepher(d)s. Wo be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed ... themselves should not be shepher(d)s feed the sheep. The diseased have ye not strenghened neither have ye healed that which was sick. Neither have ye bound up that which was broken. Neither have ye brought again that which was driven away. Neither have ye sought that which was lost but with force & cruelly have ye ruled them. As a shephard seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered So will I seek out my sheep & will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy & dark day. And I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing & I will cause the shower to come down in the season. There shall be showers of blessing. Thus shall they know that I

the Lord God am with them & that they even the house of Israel are my people saith the Lord God & ye my flock the flock of my pasture are men & I am your God saith the Lord God (p. 95) spirituality in a researcher's life is like a candle on a stormy night. A sudden draft may make it flicker & grow dim. But with practice & care one learns to protect it's feeble flame untill it shine's continually growing brighter enlightening one's entire Personality. A Testermony is something that you cannot buy. You cannot inherit. You work for it with the greatest sincereity. Not only to gain it. But to retain it. We shall not make much Progress by merely introducing our plan's. However promising the innovation we must face continually & honestly the question of whether our plans actually work. If we measure results & check our progress better planning will eventually result. Clear vision brings for the good fruitfull planning. but where we are confined in our thinking our actions will be in confusion & full of disrespect for that which the Lord requires of us. Great sorrow is expressed at the loss of a life in the home. This loss may not compare to the Deprivation of a Member of a family to a home hereafter. We must urge our Parents Fathers, Mothers, our children to take no chances but to do only those things which will keep the family unit together here & hereafter. We must have great thoughts before we can live them. One of the qualifications of an effective genealogist is their ability to set up stations along the way. It is the ability to arrive at goals. These might be called the things that come out of you & may result in the training of other Genealogists. The Gosple lifts one up above the gray clouds that delay or accomplishment. The aftermath of being thankfull is to gain something more to be thankfull about. We should all be gratefull to our Hevenly Father for his many blessings & manifestations of kindness & mercy. Now another year opens, before us. What experiences and

developments it will bring we know not. What opportunities for service & devotion to the Lords work for cooperation with our families & friends. Let us turn our hearts to God & our thoughts to our kindred love one's who have passed on to where we will soon be going to meet them. Let us make every possible effort to live up to the pattern set for us by our Savior. Brigham Young said, I am responsible for the doctrine.I teach. But I am not responsible for the Obedience (p. 96) of the people to that doc(t)rine. Measurable with the aid of the Lord Each one of us works out his & her own Salvation & we must each face the consequences of our disobedience to Law. Man is engaged in an eternal Journey life on earth is but an episode in everlasting life. Therefore all things that tough this Eternal traveler belong to the plan und(e)r which he is moving forward. Wherefore verily I say unto you that all things unto me are spiritual & not at anytime have I given unto you a law which was temporal. For my commandments are spiritual. The strongest principle of growth lies in human choice. I like the saying of the First Presidency of our church, Heber J. Grant, J. Ruben Clark, David O McKay: (Say they) We admonish every Man of high or Low degree & in whatever land, to act & live in accordance with the revealed will of the Lord. And we promise to everyone of Gods children who does so live, not only a joy in life & in living that nothing else can bring. But also salvation in the World to come, With an Eternity of Service of unspeakable happiness & a Progression that shall never end. I now record the Words of the Prophet Joseph Smith--The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us is to seek after our dead. This Doctrine was the burden of the scriptures. Those Saints who neglect it in behalf of their deceased relatives do so at the peril of their own Salvation. Every Man that have been Baptized & belongs to the kingdom has a right to be Baptized for those who have gone before & as soon

as the law of the Gospel is obeyed here by their friends who act as Proxy for them the Lord has administrators there to set them free. A Man may act as proxy for his own relatives. The Ordinances of the Gospel which were laid out before the foundation of the World have thus been fulfilled by them. It is not only necessary that you should be Baptized for your dead. But you will have to go through all the Ordinances for them the same as you have gone through to save yourselves. There will be 144,000 Saviors on Mount Zion & with them an innumerable host that no man can number. But how are they to become Saviors on Mount Zion? By building their Temples, erecting their Baptismal (p. 97) Fonts & going forth & receiving all the Ordinances, Baptisams, confirmations, washings & anointings, Ordinances & sealing powers upon their heads in behalf of all their Progenitors who are dead & redeem them that they may come forth in the first resurrection & be exalted to thrones of Glory with them & here in is the Chain that Binds the hearts of the Fathers to the children & the children to the fathers which fulfills the mission of Elijah. (Again) The doctrine of Sealing power of Elijah is as follows: If you have power to seal on Earth & in Heaven then we should be wise. The first thing we do is to go & seal on Earth your Sons & daughters into yourselves & yourselves unto your Fathers in Eternal Glory. I wish you to understand this subject for it is important. It is one of the greatest & most important subjects that God has revealed. He should send Elijah to Seal the children to the fathers & the Fathers to the children without us they could not be made perfect nor we without them. The Fathers without the children nor the children without the Fathers. Shall we not go on in so great a cause. Go forward not Backward, courage & on. On to victory. Let the dead speak forth anthems of Eternal Praise unto the King Emanuel who hath Ordained before the world was that which would enable us to redeem

them out of their Prison. For the Prisoners shall go free. Let us therefore as a family & as Latter Day Saints offer into the Lord an offering in right-ousness & let us present in his Holy Temple a Book containing the records of our Dead which shall be worthy of all exceptions. Now I have prepared this book that we as a family organization may know more perfectly concerning our duty to the things which the Lord & our Progenitors requires at our hands. Before the foundations of the world a plan was ordained and prepared in the Heavens which cited clearly our responsibility seeking after our dead. We are told that they cannot be made perfect without us. & that we cannot be exalted without them. Than as a member of this family I see before me a great responsibility & having been made known to me & born upon my soul, as eternal truth, I am now content to work with my migh(t) & complete as much of this great work (p. 98) as possiable before I am called to meet those whom I covenanted to serve & owe so much to. We all owe much to our Parents & Grandparents we owe it to them that we are here, in this goodly land & enjoy the comforts & blessings we enjoy. What if they had neglected the Gospel message when it came to them, where would we be today? Think of those's of our fathers family who would not except, where are they? & what condishion they are in as compared to us. Let us all be as one holding fast to the Iron rod, ever working & pulling together to accomplish the work we have set out to do. You heads of familys see to it that all your children get interested in this family Organization & get back of what we are trying to do. Everyone from 16 years old should be member of the Organ-ization & help in at least a small way by each paying anual dues. If we all did, am sure from such a large group that we have, we could go forward & complete the work we have organized for to do. Dont let us think so much of this worlds goods after a short while we have to leave all. Let us

think a little more of the things we can & will take with us when we leave this old world the things that do not Perish but that live forever. For I bear testermony to you all & to all the world they are true. I know that the Lord have revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith the true and everlasting Gosple. That if excepted & lived, will bring joy and blessings to all in this life & life ever lasting in the life to come. Go forth into the busy world & love it. Interest yourself in its life, mingle kindly with its joys & sorrows try what you can do for others rather than what you can make them do for you & you will know what it is to have friends. Hear is something els(e) for all to think about. I'd love to spend my Idle hours just planting seeds awaiting flowers, In every nook & forlorn place, Where love has never left a trace. Deep in the recesses of some life that's torn midst object care and strife. Where loves calm river has ceased to flow. I'd love to watch my Garden grow, Each day a word a little deed May prove to be the seed we need. To start some garden on its way & bring some comfort home to stay. & Now my dear relatives, Brothers & sisters, children, grandchildren, nephews & neice's & all relatives everywhere, as I close this Book of record--(p. 99) let me say I have put into it much time, energy & mean's in the hope that it will cause all to press f(r)ward in this grand work. Be ever united to do good whereever we can. Take hold of the blessings that are yours through obedience to the Gospel teaching of the church. Be true & faithfull to the things our Parents went through so much that we might live & enjoy life & the blessings of this goodly land than I shall be well paid for all my efforts. Now I am about to leave you again for another Mission. My church have called me & I except knowing full well that the work is true. Tuesday, Dec 23, 1947. Left Idaho Falls by 6:30 a.m. buss for San Bernandino California for a visit to my Son Glenn and family before

taking up my Mission, as I have not yet been notified of my Mission date or to what mission I go. Arrived at Salt Lake City at 3;30 p.m. having a waite of 2 hours befor(e) buss leave for San Bernandino Cal. Went to church office for interview with one of the General Authorities which is rule for all called on Mission. Meet & was interviewed by Elder Moyle of Councel of Twelve Apostles. At his office had nice visit & received good advice. Then went out to lunch. Left Salt Lake City 5:30 p.m. buss for San Bernandino. Traveled by way of Southern Utah all through church settlements to Cedar City, (p. 100) St. George, Las Vages, Nevada. Traveling all night, arrived San Bernandino Calif. Wednesday Dec 24- 11 a.m. Went accross street from buss depo(t) to store where I meet son Glenn & grandson, Gaylon. Both su(r)prized as none new of my coming. Son Glenn could not leave store at this time put me on taxie cab for home 2628 Golden Ave. About 8 miles in country from city. Su(r)prized Selma, Glenn's wife & two girls, Idona & Julie Ann. Enjoyed myself very much on visit for 20 days, untill I received my Mission notice date to be at Mission home Morning of Feb 2 1948 for Northern California Mission. While visiting at San Bernandino attended Priesthood & Sunday School & Sac Meetings with family & meet many nice people. Was taken riding to many & all places of interest. Many orange & lemon & citren groves & dinnered out at many places. Visited friends of my son & wife Spent ma(n)y pleasant evenings. Went riding up mountain to 7,00 feet to snow & ice, cool and nice. Beautyfull view of valley below. Son have nice home with 3 acres most in olive trees with few orange trees where I could get nice orange from tree anytime & I got many of them. They got me to try a fresh olive from my first experience & will be my last. If you have never tried one, try it once, is all you need to remember the bitter from the sweet. Have many chicken coops on place. Been used for raising & brooding young chickens &

for eggs. I used my spare time for exercise cleaning out coops ready for them to receive chicks. Stayed over Xmas & New Year--Jan 1 1948. We drove to Pasadena to witness the Great yearly Rose Parade. It was marvelious to behold. We left very early in morning thinking to be early & get good place to review Parade. But what a disappointment, people came from all over USA. Every year many bring cots & sleep out on street over night five miles and better of people & as thick has swarm of Bees. We had to crowd in with crowd anywhere we could to see. But was well worth the effort. Was a grand display. On this trip also visited with my sister Martha girl's at Long Beach & other places of interest. Jan 6th received letter of Mission appointment so start make preparation toleave for Idaho Falls home. Was invited by Ward Bishop to speak to people the last Sunday of my visit. I did so. Tuesday, Jan 13th left San Bernandino on 10 a.m. buss taking same route home. Arrived SLC 6 a.m. Jan 14th. After lay over for 1 1/2 hours, left on 7:30 a.m. buss for Idaho Falls, where I arrived at 2:30 p.m. same day. Some change in weather, cold but no snow. Took taxie cab to son Russell 605 10th Street, found all familys well. Spent rest of day & evening resting at home. Thursday Jan 15th 1948, clear, frosty & sure cold. Took up my Labours as Secretary of Stake High Priest Quroam. Member John Larson having passed away. Mailed out notice cards of death to all quoram members & geting quoram records up to date befor(e) leaving for my Mission. Making my home with Son Russell & family. Friday Jan 16th spent part of time visiting my children & geting out yearly reports of H. P. quoram. Services for Bro John Larson in afternoon 5th Ward church where I attended with members of H. P Quoram. Sat Jan 17th light snow, shop(p)ed most of day for clothes & things for my mission. Evening attend stake quartly conference Priesthood meeting at stake & 5th Ward Chaple. Elder

Romney of SLC was present. Sunday Jan 18th attend all sessions of conference. Afternoon meeting was called to stand to speek. Monday Jan 19th spent most of time visiting with my children & geting my things together for Mission leave. Weather cold with no storm. Tuesday Jan 20th & Wens the 21st spend time visiting children & geting ready to leave for SLC. Thurs Jan 22nd had my last meeting with quoram presidency at home of Pres. Schweider & turned in quoram records over to them up to date. Friday Jan 23rd left this morning with Son Russell with meat truck for Rexburg to visit with my daughter Ruth & family at Ranch home at Hibbard Ward--8 miles out of Rexburg City. Also while there visited relatives & friends at my old home ward of Plano. Left daughters home on the 26 Jan back to Idaho Falls with son Russell on Meat truck, Jan 27th received my Dr Examanation from Dr. Harvey Hatch, which is required of all (p. 101) Missionires leaving for Mission field. Passed Exam A No. 1. Spent all my time visiting family & packing ready to leave for SLC Mission home. Weather still cold & frosty with no storm. Friaday evening Jan 30th had party at Stake & 5th Ward Chapel given me by 2nd Ward & H Priest Quoram of stake. Very nice party & give me very nice send off long to be remembered. Received in cash $166. Left by midnight train for SLCity. My daughter Lottie & GrandDaughter LaRue seeing me off on train. Jan 31st arrived SLC 9:30 a.m. Took cab to Mission home where I left my grips. I enter Mission home on Monday Morning. Feb 2nd. So spent time from Jan 31st to Feb 2nd visiting my relations & friends at Sugar House. Attended Priesthood meeting & other meeting Sunday Feb 1st at Sugar House Ward. Sister Martha Ball was sick was called to administer to her which I did with Ward Bishop & other Brothing of Ward. Spent night at Temple Square Hotel where I took room. Monday Morning Feb 2nd was at Mission home at 9 a.m. Weather bad with snow & sleet. All Missionaries meet very large group all going to different missions. Mission home not large enough to

accomodate all for sleeping some sent to Hotels. Myself & another Elder Millar from American Fork, Utah going to Texas Mission was assigned Temple Square Hotel. School lasted 10 days had instructions on all faze of Mission work & both on health & what to eat & how to care of ourselves in general. Had lectures every day from class instructers & church leaders. Had one day to visit through S L Temple & visit church interest at City. Last day had group picture taken & was set apart at special meeting with any parents & other relations that care to attend. Myself was set apart by Pres Geo F Richard of Quoram of 12 Apostles, Feb 10th 1948. 6 elders & one lady missionary & myself going to same mission. I was called & placed in charge of group to mission home at San Francisco, Calif. Fare cost from Salt Lake City $15.70. Before leaving Mission School at SLC my sister Martha was taken to LDS Hospital for operation. I was called there & administered to Her & blessed her. Stayed untill she came out of operation. Seem to be geting along pretty well. Wendsay Feb 11th us Missionaries traveling to San Francisco meet at RR Dept at 9 a.m. Train left 9;30 a.m. Nice trip all ok arrived at Oakland Pier 9:30 a.m. Thursday Feb 12th went by boat across Bay to San Francisco where we was meet by 2 Elders from Mission office, Strong of Sugar City, Idaho & Burton of Afton, Wyoming. Went by city tram to Mission office about 3 miles, where we met Pres German E. Ellsworth & mission office missionaries. Had dinner with them & assigned to our fields of Labour by Mission Pres Ellsworth. I was assigned to Santa Cruze, 75 miles south on coast. Mission District, Monteray. I took buss at 12:15 p.m. Arrived at Santa Cruze late afternoon. Took taxie cab to Elders Home about 3 miles out of city on Monteray Bay, 1103 East Cliff Drive, where I was met by my Missionary friends from Plano Ward Idaho, Dave Brown & Ralph Parkinson. I new they was in m ission field but new not where so

was su(r)prized to see them. There was with them also another Elder Rowly of Provo, Utah. That evening was all invited out to Branch Pres. Matherson home for dinner, where we spent the evening. Returned to our apt & retired at 10 p.m. Myself & Elder Dave Brown together. Say now have 4 Elders at this place have had elders here long time. Its cabins rented, cost $11. Each Elder per month cheep where there is 4 to pay, we buy our food, cost divided Do own cooking & house keeping. We track from door to door calling on people 5 to 6 hours each day making contacts where we can. Holding cottage meetings where we can by appointment for evenings. Also spend 4 hours visiting investagator where we can find them, making 10 hours labour each day. Also take Book of Mormon with us & sell where we can for $1.00 each or loand them out to read to people interested with prospect of selling later. We make out weekly report on Sat of each day labours & mail to mission home. Also Sat is general clean up day & letter writing & such things. We also make out monthly reports end of each month to be sent to Mission Home. Sat Feb 14, 1948, (p. 102) Santa Cruze, Calif We have prayers & class every morning. Today letter writing & general cleaning. Elder Dave Brown went with me to city did some shoping for things needed. Got my baggage from buss depo(t). Wrote letters to my children. Sunday, Feb 15th the 4 of us Elders up early had our class & prayers. Myself fast. We walked to city buss depo(t), took buss to Watsonville for District meeting of Missionaries of Monteray District. Meeting at rented hall where Watsonville Branch meet. This had Priesthood meeting & Sunday School with Branch members in morning. Met 2 Lady Missionarys we have in District, Olson & Moore, from Idaho & Utah. Had lunch at hall given by Branch sisters. Missionary meeting afternoon in 13 Missionaries. Went to Park accross from hall had group picture taken. We 4 Elders took 5 p.m. buss for Santa Cruz. Bus fare--92¢. At 6:30 p.m.

attended Santa Cruz Branch Sacrement Meeting. Elder Dave Brown & myself speekers. 10 p.m. retired after a good day. My first Sunday in Mission field. Monday Feb 16th my first day of Mission labours. Elder Brown & myself called on many homes (39) found home. Had 31 canves city. Give out 31 tracts & pamplets. Sold 3 Books of Mormon. Walked 5 miles, road buss 3 miles. Retired at 10 p.m. rather tired but feeling good from day's labours. I shall not give day to day activities but labours & experiences in general way. San Cruze is a Sea coast city on Monteray coast Bay. Weather mostly damp with much fog. Weather always rather cool for that reason many people visit here the year around on the Beach to bath & fish. Geting out of hot weather especially summer months. Much commerchal fishing is done. Large fishing boats with large crews come & go every day unloading fish on warf, where there are many fish markets. The hole place smell of fish at all times. Have many attractions all games of chance & all kind of ammusments to get people's money & many they get. Sat evenings untill into Sanday mornings & all day Sunday & Sunday night there is much doing. Many on beach are not dressed any to well & you find all class of people. San Cruze though is not much different from other city with regards to religion they have there different churchs they attend & seem satisfied. Some will talk to you at door & receive your tracts & pamplets, very few ask you in some do. We spend from 8 to 10 & 12 hours each day in our Mission labours. Will give breaf report of my first Sept month to show something of what we do. Sat is not mission work day, only if we should have special appointments. & Sunday is taken up all day with church appointments & visits of Branch members. Sept. Report: Door & house visits with familys: 401, of course call on many more homes many not home & many no interest, conversation--145. Tracts given out--224, Pamplets--148, Miles walked--46, Miles road buss, encluding to

meeting calls--40 Miles, called to attend special baptism at San Joes, buss miles 40. Sold 6 Book Mormons, spent 13 hours visiting in homes. Received from strangers at door $1.09, attended Branch Meetings 16 in all 20 hours. Still at Santa Cruze, March 1948. Tracting every day, walking many miles meeting & visiting people when & wherever we can. Even helped kill & dress 2 pigs with Parkinson & Brown. Elder Rowley very sick on 1th of month left for home. Dave Brown went with him. He Brown had very bad leg vains. Went home to get in farm crop. Promised to return to mission in fall with wife which he did also with daughter Shirley, all laboured at Santa Cruze, Two new Elders came on 12th. Elder Horricks, Utah & Bevans of Idaho. Myself & Elder Parkinson was alone for only short time. I took Elder Horricks with me & told Parkinson to take Elder Bevans, 2 young & inesperience in work. We continued on with the work, visiting many homes geting into as many we could. Walked many miles each day giving out tracts & pamplets, conversations where could covering most of Santa Cruze & outside District, going over much of district second & third time. But hard to get people to interest & take hold of work. Found number old lost members of church & get some inter(e)sted & back to Branch meetings. All married out of church & where we can get the dead member to life again in many cases. Get other member of family to join church & in that way many of Branches are built up. It was my good fortune to find many of these lost sheep. March month also we had Dist meeting at Seleans. some miles down coast south. All Missionaries visited the old San Carlos Mission, one of the oldest in Calif. In order to give Young Missionary Experience I (p. 103) have them take turns each week in taking charge at our home apt. conducting Prayer & class. Also take turn each week buying our eats & cooking each one helping out in the home work. They either liked to do it or took petty on me for they did most of work & cooking,

I did very little. This time of season have much rain & fog, very damp weather not agreeable to my good health. But health been very good & do much walking when not raining. Can't do much tracting when raining but visit investagators & back members. By so doing we build up Branch. This April 20th 1948 had my second trip to San Josie (called Sanosay) to attend baptism service, 40 miles on buss. Up to date April 20th sold 19 Book of Mormon & loan(e)d out many. An opening up some New District out from Santa Cruz (Namly) Capitola & Soqual, along beach Found number suposed members lost sheep. Have made many friends & have many investigators Santa Cruz Branch growing. Was called after meeting to administer to a Sister Keddison who was sick with high blood presure, could not do housework. She received the desired blessing was not bothered anymore. She many times bore testermony to same. Found these people to be old friends when living at Sugar House Ward SLCity some years ago. Great pleasure to meet again. Was out one day labouring Capitola some miles out from Santa Cruz, man came along with car said was going to Santa Cruz did I want ride, had no so(o)ner got in car than he started to talk Bible, but could not explain anything. Found out from talk he was Jeover Witness. I let him g(o) on untill he run out, then I give him scripture & meaning of same. He said you know your scripture. I said do you know who is riding with you, said no. I said ever heard of Mormon Missionaries yess, had heard of them well. I said you have 2 of them now with you. He was rather suprized, then I gave him the Gospel & the Mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith & Bore Testermony to same. Found many of them in Mission field. & do have to give them credit for there Missionary work. They talk Bible to all they see & go out of there way to find people. While out at Capitola had Elder Horricks with me, young new Elder breaking him in to Mission work. It fell to my lot to break many of these young Elders all

through my 2 years mission & let me say here & now, it was wonderfull to see the change come over them as the weeks & months went by & how they built up a Testermony for themselves. Some much more than others, all according to how much they put into the work, themselves. We went out on this day to Capitola we was walking out from Beach & city (which is not very large) up around hills & dales very pretty & nice day this April after rain storm, coming to an old time farm looking place, one of Calif old homes. Green edge all around the place. As we was passing I noticed an old stilewooden gate, a small bell which said ring &waite, I said to young Elder lets ring & waite, no no he said & started on down the road. I rang bell, few minutes got answer from dog & was about to leave, when an elderly person who I thought was a man, but was a lady, for she did turn out to be a nice lady though she did not look it. I was just passing I said & admireing your beautyfull place & seeing the bell & notice by that time the Elder came back in hurry. I told he(r) who we was & what doing, told her the place looked like nature I left it all the different kind of flowers & shrubbery, she said you can't see much from the outside would you like to come in while I show you around. Of course thats what I wanted. She said mister you said about nature doing all this, everything you see have been done these many years with these pair of hands & her hands showed it, the place was a paradice, shrubs, bushes, edgeing trees & beds of flowers with names & kind on each. She raised & crossed the flowers & sold & shiped plants all over the country. Told me to look at beautyfull tall straight pine, would have to lay on back to see top of tree told me she brought that little thing home in her apron 50 years ago. She made me take a dollar on leaving & refused to take Book of Mormon in exchange, said no she was giving that to help in the good work we was doing. Sometime after I had been called away to other

Part of Mission I was to Santa Cruz on visit & made a special visit there taking my Kodak, which I had gotten in mean time. She new me right away & bid me welcome I autograph a Book of Mormon & left with her which she received with thanks saying she would read it. She let me take her picture & also of her place, which I have in colored pictures. Another experience I had with lady at door when tracting, said she new we would rise again after death, but not with our body if it was not nice looking. We could have nice bird or anything that was nicer looking (p. 104) than we are now. I tried to show her we would have these same bodies & would be very pleased to have them as for myself I wanted my own. She said I should think you would you are an handsome looking man. I left her standing on door step. This month blessed my first baby & also took part in seting apart New Branch Presidency. This month also received new Elder Miner from Springville, Utah with car older in years than myself. Pres. Ellsworth sent him to me with letter to use him with car & save walking so much. Pres. did not know how much I liked to walk. However car came in handy to open up new Dist. many miles out of Santa Cruze & found a number more lost sheep to bring back to fould. Had notice also to send Elders Parkinson, Horricks & Bevans to Salinas Dist in same Mission Dist. So got to see them from time to time when we meet at our report meetings. Had 3 more new Elders sent me to brake into the work. May month not different than any other had car with Elder Miner, take him with me & 2 other young Elders, the one been in field sometime in other part of Mission, so sent him with new Elder. Opened up the Felton & Boulder Creek Dist. Found more lost sheep got them interest & some investigators. Some later joined church. We did much tracting & visiting people, made many new friends. I sold 6 Books of Mormon. Held some cottage meetin(g)s the Dist is up around hills. We had much up hill walking. Weather much warmer with rain from middle of

month to end. Can always look for rain anytime. Don't get much warning. Need rain coat & umbersall, I got both & needed them very much. Have good member Bro Baker at Santa Cruz own & run Barber shop, he keep Elders hair t(r)im all time for no charge. Have also 3 homes for supper 3 nights a week. I also received another $5 bill from friend to help me in my work. Had on Sat this month the burning of large vessell on Beach. High wind drove vessell upon beach in sand & was damaged. Made a sellabration of fireing it. Burned long time. This May month had Dist meeting at Gilroy a Small branch in Dist out in country from coast. Attended Sunday School & Sac Meeting following was asked to talk at meeting. Been called back there 2 or 3 times to speek at these meetings. Also get my share of speeking at Santa Cruz meeting & Priesthood meetings. We now have in all 14 missionaries in Monteray Dist. Have been now in 3 months have been in good health. Seen some changes for good. Made many nice friends. Found in all around 30 lost sheep & seen some come into the fould. Have travelled much on foot & some ride given out many tracts & pamplets, sold several Books of Mormon, visited many familys & many conversations on the Gospel had spoken at many meetings have enjoyed all of it. Gained much experience & have added strength to my Testermony. June Month some days warm never to warm for me had much fog & some rain days also got bad cold was in 2 days around house. Not got out to do much. Did much visiting investigates & calling on new found lost members. Branch enlarged by 10 new members. Was called on to preach at man[s] funerell. He lost member of church after service found out new the family at Vernal when I lived at Vernal. Name was Murry, his wife not member. Service held at funerell home. Many strangers, good came from it. I received many complements. Sold this month 9 Books of Mormon while out tracting & visiting. By myself this day, sent other Elders

to other part of Dist. 2 pairs was called in by Sister Keddison to bless her married daughter who was sick visiting there from San Francisco. She received blessing right away later herself & husband not member of church moved to branch & she took active part in branch YLMIA. This month held Dist Conference at Watsonville, my first to attend. Had good meetings also missionary meeting. Sister Keddison brought nice lunch of fried chicken & other good things to eat for us Elders of Santa Cruze. We held picknek on Park lawn accross street from hall. Thus past the month of June. July 1948--Weather same days of fog and damp. Sometimes sunshine which I like best Still enjoy my mission work do much walking put in from 8 to 12 hours every day in mission work. Got notice 7th to transfer to Watsonvill branch Santa Cruze. People don't take kindly to my transfer. Laboured Santa Cruz another week or 10 days. Did much visiting friends & investagators & holding cottage meetings where could. Blessed baby at Fast meeting July 4th. Received word of my sister Martha back at hospital feeling not so good. While out tracting young lady answered door upon tellin her who I was & my message, a voice from room said tell him to come in upon entering found elderly lady, the mother of young lady. Mother was visiting from other part of Calif. (p. 105) she greeted me with saying she was the Grandaugh(t)er of Heber C. Kimball. But soon found out she was rather cold & indifferent to church. She & her mother before her both married out of church as also this girl of hers. On the 5th we had Missionary report meeting at Santa Cruze, all missionari(e)s of Dist present. We went by car for outing up mountain to the Big Pine trees. Had our lunch there on camping place. Went through the Pine's with guid(e) its a site worth seeing all trees are named with age & size. One tree 19 can stand in saide of tree side by side. We made & nice pleasant trip returned evening & all missionaries to there feilds of

labour. Had new Elder Matherson from Aroazona been in field some months, transfered from another Dist. On 17th moved to Watsonville Branch like Santa Cruz they meet in rented hall. Had Elder Ralph Parkingson to labour with me. Missionaries have been here last 2 was Lady Missionaries. Elder Parkinson & myself first got place to stay, not very good place, but all we could find for present. Am looking for different. We layed off the city & outside Dist & went to work tracting trying to meet people & converse with them. Found some lost members got them interested & out to meetings & later baptized some wifes of men & also children, blessed & baptized. Made many friends, visited branch clerk got names of some who claimed membership & also split familys. Eith(er) man or wife claim to be members the other not & did good missionary work with them & gradually built up branch. Walked much everyday, put in 10 or 12 hours each day and received results from our humble efforts. Only sold 3 Books of Mormon this month. 24th all Dist members of 9 branches with some friends & army boys from Fort Oard went to Mount Madona, Sat. Had lunch & games, camped out over night. To cold for some including myself went back to city for night. Got to apt with no key to get in. Elder Parkinson had key & had stayed on Mountain. I had to take room at hotel. Early in morning Sunday folks called for me. We have Sunrise Service on Mountain & early breakfast, weather was cool & very fogy untill nearly noon when sun came out made some better. While here was given telegram of death of my sister, Martha Ball at Salt Lake City. Was asked by President if I could talk to the crowd at afternoon meeting has they had me booked for that. Had crowd of 3 hundred. Open air meeting. The Lord blessed me, spoke to crowd for hour & was enjoyed by all. Many came & thanked me for good talk, thus pasted over the 24th Sat & 25th Sunday. Watsonville, Aug month lady missionary released to return home to Idaho. On Sunday the 1st

after church visited for first time Sister Dufur & girls & young son. This good sister is now my wife meet at Salt Lake after been home pass 14 months. Also had baptism service let Elder Parkinson do babtizing his first. Elder Parkinson & myself carried on the work at Watsonville tracting & visiting every day meeting people we could get interest making many new friends. Girl Parkinson baptised was Hunsaker girl. Father claim member, mother not member she was going to be baptised seem to be scar(e)d of water. She large women. Told her I could take of that had baptized larger persons than she. I was not over anxious to baptize her don't think converted yet. Need to come out to meetings some first. Her & man don't come out to church only the 2 girls. They attend well. Last Sat of month July & last day of month 31st spent day going with branch clerk Bro Hallback in his car visiting & finding familys that claim membership but never get to any branch meetings. Did much good in our visits. Sisters mostly members, men not. Aug 1948 month came & went with nothing much unusual was called to administer to Sister Wall, who was very sick & in much pain, was releived by pain at once & feel much better. Elder Parkinson & myself continued to labour many hours a day sometimes 13 hours, calling on people giving out many tracts & pamplets where we could. I only sold 5 Book of Mormon. Found some more lost sheep from fold did some good with them geting them out to branch meetings. Held some cottage meetings where we could. People at Watsonville are somewhat hard to meet very indifferent as a hole. Had some good conversations & are slowly making friends that may result in much good later on. We found 2 more familys astray from church, Heaton the sister name before marraige was LaBarum. Both of Vernal also Glines of Vernal. Got them to come out to meetings. Later baptised Glines wife who was not member. Found lady before married to Jones name of Winn not very strong member through with (p. 106) attend other church with

husband & are satisfied. He manager of J.C. Penney Store at Watsonville. On the 22nd Sunday had Dist Conference at Watsonville meet Pres & Sister Ellsworth & some new Elders & lady missionaries from mission office. We also had our missionarys report meeting. I made record for my grandaughter LaRue to geting married to D L Weaver at Idaho Falls Temple. Made record at Sister Taylors. Mail record with some wedding present to the couple. We do much walking each day. Weather mostly fogey & cool each day specially up to noon, afternoon clear up some & weather nicer, with some sunshine Seem rather funny to me to have such weather at Calif this time of year. I rather have the sunshine. We are bout 5 miles to 8 miles inland from coast. Sept month 1948 at Watsonville, Compannion Elder Ralph Parkinson. Nothing very important. I set apart Bro Kenneth Tweedy, Councelor in Branch MIA. We visited Sister Wall at hospital several times administered to her. She been very sick but improving. We had visit on the 22nd from Mission Pres Ellsworth & Elder Benson of Quoram of 12. He visiting mission had Dist Meeting with Elders also meeting of all Branch members & friends in Dist. Helped put in foundation of Santa Cruze Chapel 7 a.m. Sat to 9 p.m. Stayed overnight at Matheson home. Sunday morning attended priesthood meeting & sunday school at Santa Cruze returned to Watsonville. This month also visited Gilroy Branch Sunday School & Sac Meeting. Found lady when tracting Mrs. Hildon much interested she joined church later, also married son Paul. We did much walking this month tracting & visiting also found some lost sheep from fould. Got notice of baby girl to my daughter Pearl. Born on 26th named Phillis. All ok. Meet Elder Jack Wood from Home, Idaho Falls, for first time in other part of mission for sometime. Was attending Dist meeting at Watsonville. We did much tracting & home visits with much walking every day

the month like others had much fog. Been so near the coast, thus past month of Sept. Watsonville Oct month Friaday Oct 1st 1948. Portolo Streekers came through the city of Watsonville held program giving history of streek, 179 years ago on way from San Diego to San Francisco founded PaJaro Valley & they make the same streek every year. Have much fogy & rainey weather this month, this is the time of year it comes winter months. Don't do as much tracting from house to house but spend most of time visiting investigators & weak members & hold some cottage meetings. We always find plenty to do to keep us busy. On the 2nd Elder Parkinson was moved to Mountain View & young Elder Murdock from Driggs, Idaho took his place with me. Am sick with flue few days this month. Sold 3 Book of Mormon. We had one good sister who I had visited get up in Fast meeting & said she new this to be the true church & wanted baptism. She with 9 others was baptised 10 in all. I also baptized a Mrs. Glines whos(e) husband claim member. We found them tracting got him interested & she asked baptism after some visits with them. I attend meeting at Selenas Branch & fireside meeting & spoke. Also when tracting found young man not member but said his wife was & was sick at hospital at the time & asked if we would go & administer to her. He said he believe in it & new would be blessing to her. We visited her & she received the blessing was soon out of hospital & well. Was also called to administer to a Sister Wall a faithfull member of Watsonville Branch. She was in hospital very sick for sometime & we kept visiting her & blessing her. The branch also had special fast & prayer for her. She finely left hospital was heal(e)d & good branch worker. I was also asked to visit GilRoy Branch & spoke to priesthood & Sac Meeting went on buss. Also visited Santa Cruze Branch to party for new chapel building fund many of all Selenas Dist visited had good supper & nice program. Also found when tracting at Watsonville & old lost member

name Marker. We find many of these when tracting all over the mission & get many interested again in church. We had our missionary report meeting this month at Selenas & spent part of day visiting Sugar factory the largest in the World. Was taken all through by guide & explained everything to us about sugar. This month helped on Santa Cruze Chapel, stayed over Sat night. Out tracting found family lady asked us in had many good visits there. She got Book of Mormon & give me $5 to help in cause. Attend two fireside meetings & spoke at each. On the 31st held Dist Conference & missionary report meeting at Watsonville Hall. Pres Ellsworth & wife of Mission also Pres Sessions & wife with mission office members was present. Had good meetings all day, 18 missionaries in Dist. Watsonville Nov 1st 1948, Had much fog & rain this month, but always find plenty to do. (p. 107) this first week in month. All young Elders called to work on Santa Cruze Chapel. Bro Miner elderly missionary like myself was sent to labour with me at Watsonville. He have car so did much missionary work out of city in country Dist & visited also friends & investigators & weak members. Had baptism service on the 7th--10 added to church. Had meeting after baptism & confirmed new members. A Bro Anderson of Watsonville Branch passed away sudden, hart attact. I was called to help dress him in Temple close. Also spoke at funerel service.. Was also called on to Dedicate grave. On 20th had Dist report meeting at home of Sister Ted Taylors at Watsonville. Have 24 missionaries at this time in Dist. Not many for Dist of 6 Branches, covers around 30 miles. Large Dist & many homes, some scattered much. Watsonville Dec 1948, much rain this month. Had 4 baptism on the 5th on the 18th was given permission to go to Sacramento to visit my Bro Wm J. Widdow wife & family of 7 married children, 4 sons & 3 daughters, over the Xmas hollydays. Left Watsonville by buss by way of Gilroy, San Jose changed buss at both places then by way of Stockston

to Sacramento 5 1/2 hours ride. Attend Priesthood meeting & Sunday School next morning, Sunday 19th at Sacramento. Give on this trip each member 8 in all a Book of Mormon for Xmas present. Also Book of Mormon to my son in law, Kenneth Hendricks, sister & husband who I found on trip out from city. Making 9 Book of Mormon in all. While on this visit got my first earthquake shock, rocked the bed like craddle. Had nice visit with all familys & did much good. One of girls & family live at Alameda visited there also. Dec 24th went with neice Bertha & husband & neice Dolly by way of Sacramento River road. Beautyfull drive, took pictures of river scenery. On way stayed over at neice Gaydeen & family name Murry. The Xmas good to see children get the Santa from nice Xmas tree on Xmas morning. Spent nice Xmas with them. Left in afternoon of Xmas day back to Sacramento, spent time visiting with Bro Wm children, in evening they drove me around city to see homes dressed up for Xmas, all very nice. The New Year 1949 spent with nephew Ellis & family and nephew Dick at Dick's home. In all had very nice visit with my sister-in-law & children. Also on trip had nice visit with Verla Hendrick & husband. She sister to my son-in-law Kenneth. I left Sacramento back to my field of labour at Watsonville morning Jan 3rd 1949. Took buss at 8:30 a.m. Weather fog and some cold. Very uncomfortable. Arrived at Watsonville 2:30 p.m. rather tired after so much visiting. Found much mail waiting me, also my companion, Elder Murdock. Retired rather early tonight for a needed rest. Jan 4th 1949, this morning took buss for Santa Cruze to keep appointment with Dr. Johns. Paid visit to some of my friends & church members. Also called on Elder Dave Brown & wife at there apt. Took supper with them had nice visit untill my buss left at 7 p.m. for Watsonville. My companion Murdock not home, apt cold so retired early to keep warm. Jan 5th at Watsonville now Hollydays over, Elder Murdock & myself went to work visiting people,

tracting, giving out pamplets & tracts & disposing of Books of Mormon where ever we can. Doing much walking, calling on peoples homes, geting our Gospel Message over whenever we could. This month we visited 433 homes, give 81 tracts, 89 pamplets, 162 conversations, visit to investigators 39 familys, sold only 3 Books Mormon. Attended 12 meetings, spoke at all. Jan 21st received telegram of death of sister-in-law Stephney at Sacramento. Left Watsonville for Sacramento, stayed untill after funerell service Jan 25th. Visited with all family members. Returned to Watsonville field of labour. We received from good members of Watsonville 12 bottles of fruit & jams, oranges, & apples. Attended MIA party at Selinas. All went in cars by branch members. Helped on Santa Cruze chapel. Stayed over night at branch Pres James Mathison. Visited Rathhall family at Aptosh, took pictures of home & sundown over beach. Had much rain & cold all month of Jan. Was kept in home a few days with light cold & flue. Watsonville Feb 1949, first day of month received phone call from Rathhalls home at Aptosh to visit & administer Mrs. Miner, wife of John Miner, church member, wife not member. She expecting baby, lim(b)s all swollen, 2 Dr. said she (p. 108) must go to hospital & have baby taken from her. Elder Murdock took 11 a.m. buss & meet by friends & taken to Rathhalls home where we found Mrs Miner, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Rathhall. I asked her if she believed & had faith in the administertion, she said yes. We then all nelt around bed. I ofered prayer, had Elder Murdock anoint with oil. I blessed her. Has we was leaving to get buss back to Watsonville the am(b)ulance came & took her to Santa Cruze hospital. But to suprize of Dr & all she did not need operation, in due time she give birth to her first baby, 8 lb son & all doing fine. She later attend meeting & bore testermony to the blessing she received. She later was baptized member & wrote me who by that time I was called to another part

of mission, that she would never forget the wonderfull blessing she received from me & it all came true. She & her husband are now living at Salt Lake City & I have paid them a visit. Well this month of Feb not different from any other month. Have had much rain & fog & still cold. We keep calling on homes trying to get our message over to the people & visiting homes of investagators & lost sheep strayed from fould. Holding meetings where can. Much rain all month, stop much of our mission work in tracting homes. Sold 4 Books Mormon, attended meetings both at Santa Cruze & Watsonville. Administer some to sick Bro & sister. Had Dist meeting & Conference at Santa Cruze New Chapel. Despite rain had attendance of 300 to each of 2 meetings. Have notice at meeting to labour back at Santa Cruze Branch. People at Watsonville did not like the change but Santa Cruze very pleased. While having to much rain all Elders helped on Santa Cruze chapel inside work. Chapel now so can be used, but not completed. After visiting Watsonville Branch for last time left for Santa Cruze Feb 9th 1949. Have in apt 4 Elders, myself, Elder Mathison, Cox, & Donnelson. Also at another apt to themselves Elder Dave Brown & wife & daughter. At a weekly pri(e)sthood at Santa Cruze had some differculty with Bro, he show jealousy over Branch Pres having charge of building chapel & caused some feeling. I too(k) matter up and showed the Bro his right place in matter. Then wrote letter to Mission Pres Ellsworth. He sent his councelor Bro Sessions to visit Santa Cruze & take matter up. Attend some cottage meetings this month & did most visiting of investigators & indifferent members & work on chapel on account of rain could not do much of anything els(e). On the 25th Feb had notice from Mission office to labour at Santa Rosa Dist some miles North of San Francisco. I took leave of Santa Cruze on the 28th by buss for new field going by way of Paloalto & Readwood & coast Hiway to San Francisco, change buss here for

Santa Rosa. On arriving was meet by Dist Pres Elder Mark Ricks of Rexburg, Idaho, whos(e) folks I now very well. Was taken to home of Pres of Branch, Bro Cheney & family where I was made very welcome & enjoyed my visit & night rest very much . March 1st 1949 at Santa Rosa, morning was taken 22 miles out in country to small branch at Sonoma to labour with Elderly Elder with car, Elder Sanders of Barelake, Idaho. Not much of branch, have Sunday School & Sac meeting same time in rented hall. Most of the few members are dead only need burrying. Don't do much mission work. Elder Sanders only want to ride around in car & visit members, said was all to do visit & build up branch. Have much rain so not able to do much els(e). Have nice apt. Had first Dist meeting at Santa Rosa, 30 missionaries in Dist meet some Elders came into field with also some that laboured with me at Santa Cruze. Attend Baptism Service after meeting. Now have notice to labour at small country Dist of Healsburg 17 miles north of Santa Rosa with Elder Hunsake of Smoot, Wyoming. See what can be done with Dist, still have much rain & bad to get out & do much. During month did not find any interest though covered much of Dist, found about 5 claimed membership. But none of them worth the name, could get no interest from them. For a short time started Sunday School in rented Seventh Day Adventis Church. Only 5 at most attended, had to give it up after much try & expence to Mission Dist. We took buss to Santa Rosa each Sunday to attend Sac Meeting. On 25th had 2nd Dist report meeting at Santa Rosa. I reported the Healsburg Dist not much (p. 109) good for Mission work, place seemed to be sealed up to expencive for poor results. At this meeting was called with some other Elders to home of Branch Pres to administer to his wife, Sister Cheney, who was sick. She received the desired blessing. On 27th we had Dist Conference. Pres & Sister Ellsworth with the son-in-law member of Washington Stake High Councel present, as also

mission office members. Had 2 good meeting, many present also number of the Indians of Stewards Point, a Dist some miles North, who are investigators who later joined church. At last meeting when thought all was through & I sat easy in my seat was called up by Pres Ellsworth to talk. Sure was a big surprize to me, but the spirit of my calling was with me as I talked & was congratulated by many at close of meeting. Pres Ellsworth wanted to know where I was labouring when told Healsburg he said that place is no good its been tried, the place is sealted up. & went to Dist Pres & told him so & to make change. This month attented to fire chat meetings at Santa Rosa & spoke to members present. At this conference after meeting was asked by Pres Ellsworth to go with him in chapel room & administer to sick Sister. Seen this sister some time later & she asked me if I remember her, said she was the one Pres Ellsworth & myself give the blessing & that she did receive the blessing & was very thankfull. Have much rain weather all month of March. April 1949, back to Healsburg, give it once more over. On the 11th closed Sunday School, we attend meetings at Santa Rosa, Elder Hunsaker & myself each Sunday going by buss. This month not so much rain but some cold & fog at times. Spent one day with friends, Markhams, driving all day in car, visited some nice mountain & valley country, to Lake Point. Took some pictures, 2 lakes upper & lower lakes. Said to be 35 miles long, 18 miles wide, Took pictures of lake. The country visited is mostly of pears & wallnutts. 2nd April, report meeting at Santa Rosa. Also evening baptism service. I was asked to talk to members geting baptized. 15th have notice of specail meeting at Santa Rosa. Pres Irvins of Seventy Quoram, Salt Lake visiting mission. Many from Dist attend meeting. Still no good mission work at Healsburg. Did get 7 Books of Mormon into homes. One good lady give me $3, $1 for Book & $2 to help cause. Another man give me $2.50 but would not except of Book of

Mormon. Received notice from mission office of dedication of Santa Cruze Chapel & invite me to attend, which surely will. On 30th, last day of month attend Dist meeting at Santa Rosa. After meeting had a baptism meeting. 16 in all geting baptized, 9 of number Indians, first to be added to church in dist. Received notice at this meeting to leave Healsburg & labour at Ukiha Branch with young new Elder Sheppard from Lewisville out from Idaho Falls, Idaho. May 1st 1949, Sunday fast day attend Sunday School & Sac fast meeting at Santa Rosa. Was called to take part in blessing 6 Indian children & confirming 9 Indian members baptised the evening before. Wounderfull testermony meeting. Took some pictures of chapel & Indian members. Evening attend Primary Conference Program at chapel & returned to Healsburg 8:30 p.m. buss. Get ready to leave for Ukiha next day. Monday May 2nd took buss at 10:40 a.m. for Ukiha, 40 miles to the north. Arrived 12 noon was meet by compannion Elder Sheppard. Have nice apt at 523 West Mill St, a Mrs Hamons, member of church. Have single beds, better to sleep & rest. Visited new chapel not completed but use it though rather cool, no door on yet, working hard to get finished & ready for dedication. This much larger & nicer place for mission work. Plenty to do all the time, have branch of 150 members. We tract from door to door. Found much interest & held 3 cottage meetings, sold 5 Books Mormon. Found number of lost church members & did much good with them & have some good investigators. Am sure as time pass branch will grow with good leadership the branch have. We also visit small branch some miles north at Willis. Branch Pres Southwick own log & lumber mill in the mountain. We had dinner with the family then Pres Southwick took us to mountain pine trees & showed us the works. I took some pictures. We did some visiting of members & investigators. We had to return for we had cottage meeting appointed with 4 familys at there home on way back to Ukiha. Got

ride out on hiway with man in old Ford car. Told him who we were & explained Gospel to him & left him some tracts & pamplets to read (p. 110) got to appointed place for cottage meeting. after short visit. Held good meeting, man took us home in car to Ukiha, put in long day did much good. 14th got notice of Dist report meeting at Santa Rosa. Took buss to Hopland where we meet Elders Wells & Hales, missionaries with car, went rest of way with them to meeting at Santa Rosa. After meeting took 5:30 p.m. buss back to Ukiha. Buss fare with clergy pass $1.04. On 21st Sat received notice from mission Pres Ellsworth to be at Sonoma next morning, Sunday for special assignment. Did not care much about leaving Ukiha, nice people & nice place to labour. Members don't like it either., but orders or orders. & we obey authority. Left on 7 p.m. buss for Santa Rosa where stayed over night with Elders. Next morning, Sunday, was called for by Pres Byrnss of Mission Presidency together with his wife & 2 lady missionaries from mission office, went (by) car to Sonoma, got to meeting place, small rented hall, some early. Pres Burn wanted me to walk with him, I seem to know what he wanted & told him to shoot the works as thought I new what he had to say he smiled & said what I said take over this branch, which I thought was some lemon. He told me all about the condishion of branch & said the Dist Presidency with Mission Presidency thought I was the one to take over. So at the meeting was appointed and sustained as Sonoma Branch President with no help untill had chance to look over branch & get aquainted with people, which took some time. I soon found out most claimed church membership came from different places of church took no part in church. Some been to Temple, taken off garments & was same has out of church. Had young Elder Fairbanks with me. We did much walking over branch which took in several miles. Visiting members & some suposed investigators soon found out my hole time would be taken up with this kind of labour, so

had 2 young missionaries went to do tracting & missionary work from house to house. They took cabin apt between them myself took another alone Expence was some heavier for me. I call on any they had to visit with & give what help I could. Was called on one morning 6 o'clock by Bro Green, new member, to administer to there very sick child, with high fever. The fever went down, child sleep good & was soon around playing. We Elders had breakfast with the family & went from there home to our mission work. We went with the Green family one Sat to picknick at Big Pine trees, long ride with car. Beautyfull drive & much nice mountain scenery. Enjoyed the day very much. Bro Hancock who was Branch President was moving away to Nampa, Calif. He took me to peoples home who we rent hall from, made there acquaintance & made arrangments of renting hall. To save expense of rent held Sunday School & Sac meeting same Sunday morning, also save people coming long way making 2 trips. It worked out very well. Before Hancock family moved thought it a good plan to give them party would get most if not all people out, get acquainted party success. Many out all had good time, give Bro Hancock elictric clock. Weather now much nicer, warmer here at Sonoma & not so much fog. 27th received notice of change in dedication date of Santa Cruze chapel, this time 1st Sunday in June which will be on 5th of June. Sonoma, June 1st 1949, still working with Branch trying to build it up, soon will have councelor got 2 young men in mind, branch members & very faithfull. On the 4th left by buss for Santa Rosa. Meeting with Elders then left on noon buss for Santa Cruze to attend chapel didication, next day Sunday June 5th arrived Santa Cruze by way of San Francisco at 5 p.m. Went to home of friend Bro & Sister Mathison, Branch President, where I made my stay over night. Sunday morning June 5th 1949 Santa Cruze Calif, some fog but took pictures of chapel before meeting 10 a.m. Chapel well filled with members & friends from branches of Monterey

Dist. Also all missionaries of Dist & from Mission office. Pres Ellsworth sick could not be present. Councelor Pres Sessions offered dedication prayer, very good. Lunch was served at chapel by Sisters. We had 2 good meetings very good program. Had nice visit with Elders & saints & friends of mission which had not seen for some time. Spent this evening & night with Pres Matheson & family. Next morning the 6th left Santa Cruze by buss for Watsonville to visit saints & friends. Had nice supper & visit with Elders (p. 111) at Taylor home where I stayed over night. Took some pictures in home by flash light. Next day 7th left by buss for Sonoma my field of labour. At San Francisco 4 p.m., waite there hour for buss to Sonoma, where I arrived at 8 p.m. Sanoma 8th June, continue my labours visiting members both good & bad. Mostly bad, holding meetings where could also Sunday meetings at hall. Members starting to pick up. Some paying good tithing & fast offerings. Have received notice of Ukiah chapel in Dist of Santa Rosa which we are part of. Let all know dedication date set for Sunday 12th of June. Have no meeting at Sanoma that date. Spend much of my evenings when have no other appointment, work on branch reports & geting out statements & reports for Mission office. So my time is much taken up. Have received another notice day before Sunday 12th of change in date of Ukiah chapel dedication to week later 19th. So need to let all branch members know & that we will have our Sunday School & Sac meeting as usual Sunday 12th. Give me more much walking, have 2 young Elders helping. Have now Branch membership this June 1949, 117, young & old. Only have about 12 to depend on for anything but hoping & praying for the best. Can only do all I can & leave rest to the Lord. 18th took buss to Ukiah where had Dist meeting at 10 a.m. then lunch in chapel at noon untill 1 p.m. Another meeting & Elders reports untill 5 p.m.

We had Mission Pres Gardner, new Pres with us, also Sister Gardner & mission office members. Also had Elder Lee of Apostle Quoram with us visiting mission & will dedicate chapel tomorrow, Sunday. Friends & saints opened homes for Elders & visitors to stay over Sat night. Elders divided up in pairs to different homes. Fairbank & myself stayed at Foutz's home, he member wife not. At this time I took pictures of chapel & missionaries. Sunday morning 19th June all arriving early at chapel for dedication & service. Two meetings 10 a.m. to noon, lunch at chapel, then meeting at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Chapel filled to overflow all meetings. Took 6 p.m. buss back to Santa Rosa, no buss for Sanoma untill noon next day, stayed overnight with Santa Rosa Elders at apt. To Sanoma next day by buss, Now have another young Elder with Fairbanks, they take double cabin & take cabin to myself.. Expence little heavy on me but need them to do mission work while my time all taken up with branch. 26th Branch monthly report meeting at Santa Rosa. All Branch Pres & officers to be present. I took buss. After meeting branch Pres Thompson of San Rafael want me to go back with them to talk at there evening Sac meeting. I could stay over night & they would see me to buss next day & pay my buss fare back to Santa Rosa. Having no meeting myself went. Had nice meeting & visit & meet many new friends. San Rafael is 20 miles north of San Francisco, 40 miles from Santa Rosa. July 1st received another new Elder for Fairbank, one had been moved, this young Elder Hamilton from Lincoln Ward, Salt Lake City. Sunday meeting Sonoma July 3rd, had 22 present & 7 visitors. Ronald Kingsford local Elder set apart my 1st councelor in Branch Presidencey by myself. Wm R Dewitt set apart 2nd councelor by Ronald Kingsford. George Green Branch Sec set apart by Pres Thomas Byrns. 14 took part in bareing testermony. Branch presidency now completed. July 6th went in car with member to San

Francisco mission office with records & branch reports & get help & information on geting out reports. Stayed at mission office over night. Office high on hill over looking city & bridge look very nice from office window. All light up different color lights, much fog here at San Francisco & cooler. Took buss noon next day for Sanoma my field of labour. Much warmer here at Sanoma. July 17th our report meeting at Santa Rosa. Was reported Elder Muir & wife missionaries at Serbasterpool, sick Sister Muir in hospital. Was called to go with Dist Pres Mark Ricks & visit them. Went to hospital administered to Sister Muir, left them feeling much better. Sat July 23rd all branch members & friends of Santa Rosa Dist celebrate 24th, Pioneer day at San Rafel. All went with cars taking picnic. Large crowd at park program & all kind of sport games for all old & young. I took pictures. All returned at close of day, nice time & good visit. Am still working hard with Sanoma branch visiting & doing much walking every day. Weather hot. Going over records & reports much of my evenings. Find now have 61 of record. Some others claim membership in church have no record themselves or can we find on church records. Have sent report to mission office to forward to Salt Lake (p. 112) Some was members of branch moved away no record kept. Branch records & min. very incomplete, some min. never recorded. Make differcult labour for me. Have now of record 12 holding priesthood, 4 Elders, 1 Priest, 3 Teacher, 4 Decons. Have weekly meetings now with Branch Presidency & Sec. Am trying to get somewhere with branch making some headway but very slow. Been out of church activity so long drifted away, hard to get them back make promises to come out & take part but never do. But have to keep up labour of love with them & take up all my time. Much scattered over Dist only way I have is walk. & do much of it. Once in awhile find some without Book of Mormon & sell them. Also visiting friends not members, never pass

up a chance. Sometimes the young Elders run into difficulty when tracting need to help them out, also. July 30th Branch Pres Monthly Dist meeting at Santa Rosa go by buss. After meeting Elders attended county fair. Elders have booth &do much good. July 31st at Sanoma, meeting, sustained Branch Releif Socity Pres & Primary Pres & Sunday School officers. Aug 1st 1949, still working with branch. Nothing unusual happen, untill the 8th received telegram from my son Glenn at San Bernandino of the sudden passing of his wife on the 7th. Body going to be shiped to Idaho Falls for burriel & services. Got permission by phone from mission office to leave for Idaho Falls, which I did on 6 p.m. buss first out of Sanoma to Nampa, Calif, then to Valle-Jo to Sacramento to Baxter to Reno to Minnemucker, Overlander to Wells to Elko. Had buss trouble from here over desert. Change tires, made some delay. Got to Wells noon 9th had 3 hrs layover for buss to Twin Falls to Burley to American Falls then to Pocatello. Called my girl Lottie on phone from Wells, so when I got to Idaho Falls at 12:15 midnight she & Harry was there to meet buss & home to there home where I got much needed sleep & rest. Aug 11, 1949, Idaho Falls, Idaho Son Glenn & children drove in today from San Bernandino Calif. Body of his wife Selma in by train 3 a.m. Relations from Salt Lake coming in by cars. Many friends & relations coming to daughter Lotties home where body is held untill time of service Sat Aug 13th at 3rd Ward Chapel. Burried at Fielding Memorial Park South Hiway out of city. Myself Chas H. Davies dedicate grave. I stayed this night with daughter Pearl & family. Did some visiting with family & friends visited sick Bro Ward Member of High Priest Quoram at LDS Hospital with Pres Schweider & Groesbeck. Visited stake farm with Brothers after hospital visit. Sunday attended High Priest Quroam & meeting at 2nd Ward, called on to talk. Stayed this night Sunday

Aug 14th with son Russell & family. Monday 15th went by buss to Rexburg to visit daughter Ruth & family on home ranch Hibbard Ward. Ruth meet me at buss took me out home by car. Visited there & also with relations & friends at Plano Ward my old home ward. Also on trip visited my son Lynn & family at Rexburg. Returned to Idaho Falls with son Russell by meat truck he drives. Stayed night with daughter Lotties & family. Morning 17th took buss to Blackfoot. Daughter Lottie went along meet son Glenn & children there, been visiting friends went with them to Salt Lake City. They driving home in car to San Bernandino Calif, Lottie going with them. I visited with my sister Emily & bro Dan untill 9 p.m. when my buss left for Sanoma Calif. Back to my mission field of labour. Going by way Grantsville, Utah then to Wendover & Wells, Nevada then same way as did coming. Aug 19th, Am back at Sanoma & taken to my bed with flue. Was not well at Idaho Falls had bad cough had same on way back with buss. Sunday 21st Sanoma Don't feel well but attend my branch Sunday School & Sac meeting, rest of day & evening to bed not well. 22nd not well but had Branch Pres meeting this evening short meeting in bed much of time with flue. 27th had our first rain for sometime. 28th feel some better, attend branch Sunday School & Sac meeting. Starting my visiting of Branch again, much walking only way I have. Notifying members & friends of special meeting the coming Sunday Sept 4th at Santa Rosa, Elder Joseph Fielding Smith of Quoram Apostle & wife present visiting mission. Evening Aug 31st had meeting with Branch Presidency going over our work & checking on Branch members. Found more this month, Aug., that claim membership in church. Branch growing in members but not in activity, all I can do is keep labouring & visiting giving councel & advice leave rest with them & the Lord. Sunday 4th Sept had our Branch Sunday School & Sac meeting had Dist Sunday School visitors

went back with them to Santa Rosa. Attended mission Conference at 2 p.m. Pres Gardner & wife of Mission also missionaries from office was present, also Elder Smith & wife from Salt Lake. Had in all 40 missionaries present. Very good meeting. All went to Saints homes for lunch at 4:30 p.m. then meeting at 7 p.m. at chapel. This meeting was given over to our Lamanites members. New Branch we have of them from Steward Point North of Branch from Santa Rosa. They only members 3 months give very nice meeting & program very good spirit. Sister Smith sang. Pres Smith talked also before close. I stayed this night at home of Branch Pres Chenney & family. Next morning 5th meet at chapel with missionnaries at 9 a.m. for report meeting untill noon. Had lunch at chapel hall by Branch members, meet in meeting again at 1 p.m. untill 3:30 p.m. very good testermony & report meeting, good spirit. Elder Day, missionary was sustained as 2nd councelor to Pres Gardener of mission. We had group photo taken of missionaries & visitors on chapel steps. I returned to Sanoma by buss at 5 p.m. not feeling any to well with ciness trouble & some flue yet. Morning 6th Sept nose stoped up feel disagreable spent much of day on branch reports, day same with not much improvment in my health. Stay much in apt working on branch reports. Made check of members 25 familys, 11 women, 17 boys age 8 to 16 yrs, 5 girls age 10, children under 8 yrs, 16. Mutual age girls 12, boys 4. Have also 12 familys not of record, waiting to find record. Sunday 11th Sept had some new members to Sunday School & Sac meeting, had enough for 3 classes at Sunday School. I continue not feeling good. Sept 14th Elders got Bro Kingsford car & took me over to Patalumer 17 miles to Dr. Give me check over, said I should go to hospital but if I keep myself home & in bed much of time would let me go home. Give me perscription to get from drugest. Went back to apt at

Sonoma kept much to apt. On 16th got word of death Sister Muir, wife of Elder Muir. Both doing mission work from Idaho Falls. On account of my condishion could not attend service at Santa Rosa chapel. Body being sent to Idaho Falls. Could not attend branch party we had at hall, had the 2 Elders go & look after things with my branch councelors. Said good crowd out all had good time. Had this party to try & get all members out & create good feeling & help all out to meetings. Doing work on branch records while laying around & can't get out to do much of anything els(e). Manage to get to Sunday School & Sac meeting on 18th. One of the saints came & got me with car. Went to Santa Rosa after branch meeting to Branch Presidency monthly meeting then back home to apt. Went both way with friends in car. Am geting better, spent 4 hrs today 19th visiting Branch members. Geting out some little every day feeling better, have branch Pres meeting every week. Thankfull am able to attend & do some little visiting each day. 24th people of Sanoma Valley celebrate vintage festeval have same every year. Have big parade, forenoon. I took pictures of all. Valley is known for its grapes & wine. Sanoma the first place to start planting of grapes & make wine. They make this big afair each year. Same time of year. 25th took Elders away for another Dist. Am alone again. Spent rest of Sept month visiting geting branch built up. Oct 1st attend Dist missionary report meeting at Santa Rosa, all day. Sunday 2nd had our Branch Sunday School & fast testermony meeting. Branch picking up some. Oct 9th Sunday, after our Sunday School & Sac meeting took buss to Santa Rosa to Branch Pres Monthly meeting after meeting was asked to go visit Ukiah Branch some 70 miles north & speek at evening meeting & stay over night. Branch Pres Southwick took me in car attend large meeting, stayed Pres Southwick & family over night. Took 9:30 buss next morning for Sanoma. Continued with my visiting

& hold weekly meetings with my councelors of branch going over work of branch & get councelors to take hold of the work. Night of 14th had dream was at Santa Rosa next morning, got phone call from Dist Pres Elder Ricks was taking me out of Santa Rosa to labour with at Santa Rosa. Have much special visiting to do there. Had our first Branch Conference next Sunday Oct 16th & I was released of Sanoma Branch & returned same day to Santa Rosa to be with Elder Ricks. I liked the change, have nice branch here, nice people & nice new chapel & am releived of much walking & responsibility. I leave the branch knowing I had did my duty & branch built up with increase in membership (p. 114) & good feeling. Took picture of Branch hall & members before leaving. Now Oct 16th 1949 find myself at Sant Rosa with Elder Ricks have nice apt attend my first this evening at Santa Rosa chapel. Spent evening visiting with other Elders at home of Pres Chenney, then to our apt. Elder Ricks have Ford car so do not have so much walking to do. Have two lady missionaries labouring here have apt some blocks away in other part of city Elder Ricks & myself called on them next morning, Sister Williams & Newbrand. Had prayers & class with them. This we did every morning before going out on our mission work. Elder Ricks & myself visited investigators all day, evening held cottage meeting. Oct 18th Elder Ricks & myself after our class with Sister missioniries went tracting, wanted me to show him how I meet people. After noon went to find some familys of new members we heard about out in country. Have old Ford car to get around with now don't need to walk so much. We found them had good visit with each family. Was pleased to meet us, had cottage meeting with another family. Attend MIA meeting at chapel in evening. Thus it was every day with myself & Elder Ricks, we tract, visited investagators & held cottage meetings, whenever we

could. We also held special gospel meeting each week at chapel on week day evening give sister missionarys chance to talk. Had our regular branch Sunday School each Sunday also Sac meeting each Sunday evening & was called to take part often. Have good branch here, fully organized & good active members. Am very sure will in near future have Santa Rosa Stake. This happened a new stake 12 months after my return home. I was not surprised to learn of it by church paper. Oct 21st 1949 New Elder, Fletcher from Logan, Ricks & myself with new Elder went out in country to Bodogo Bay. Visit family took pictures of Bay & sheep ranch. Name of family we visited, Francisco, new members of church, 35 miles from Santa Rosa. Spent Oct month doing regular missionary work. Weather nice. Santa Rosa Nov month weather some storm & fog. Calif weather this time of year. Doing mission labours with Elder Ricks. Holding cottage meeting when can selling & loaning Book of Mormons, tracting & visiting people. This month 9th Elder Ricks & myself meet at home of minister. He had another one there come there also. We visited from 6 p.m. untill after 12 midnight. Bore our testermony to them before leaving. They have nothing to offer & can't take the truth, they surely in the dark. We hold some Gospel meetings at chapel during evening of each week. Have our regular missionary report meetings each month for all Dist Elders & lady missionaries of Santa Rosa Dist. Have good report meetings & good testermonys by all. On Nov 11th took buss in morning for Santa Cruze to attend conference by appointment on Sunday. This being Friaday arrived at Santa Cruze 5 p.m. stayed night at Branch Pres Matherson home. Next day Sat spent all day visiting saints & friends. Am at Matherson again tonight. Sunday attended Sunday School at chapel went out in mountain country with friends, Bro Newman for dinner. Dist Conference afternoon. Mission Pres Gardener & wife present & many of my friends &

saints from Watsonville & other parts of Dist. Pleased to meet all. Evening went to Watsonville with Taylor family. Had meeting there this evening, had me talk to them after meeting. Set apart Paul Hildon 1st Councelor of Branch Sunday School. Stayed this night at Taylors, up late visiting the man, Ted Taylor, not member but very good friend. Spent next day visiting friends around Watsonville & Fredom & out in country beyond Fredom. Got back in evening with friends & attended MIA meeting & party for young couple just geting married. Went home with Warthalls to Reo Delma 1/2 way between Watsonville & Santa Cruze. Visited untill 12 midnight & retired there for night. Next morning 15th took pictures of home & mountain scenery. Sister Warthall took me to Apts, where I took buss for Santa Cruze, where I left by 2:15 p.m. buss for Santa Rosa. Stoped off at San Francisco visited mission home. Pres Gardener & wife had me stay over & visit with them & office missionarys this night. Next morning had prayers & class & breakfast with them took pictures of mission home, not very good to much fog. Left for Santa Rosa my field of labour, on 9 a.m. buss. Arrived Santa Rosa 12:30 noon took up my labours again. Have special assignment to visit investigators & slack members & split familys. Had my Thanksgiven turkey dinner at (p. 115) home of Branch Pres & Sister Cheney with family & friends. Received word of another grandchild, a girl born to my daughter Ruth Nov 9th. They named her Lana. My 23rd grandchild. Continued visiting ministered to some sick, rest of Nov month. Have little cold myself but not bad. Santa Rosa Dec 1949 Sunday 4th held Dist Conference Pres & Sister Gardner & office members & all missionarys present. Had our missionary report & testermony meeting evening before. All good meetings. On 9th Elder Ricks & myself drove to Ukiah in his old Ford, visited some people stayed overnight had

2 baptized Sat Dec 10th. Myself taking charge. Drove back to Santa Rosa afternoon, had baptism at chapel evening 7:30 p.m. 7 Baptized into church. Elder Ricks released to return home, his wife came to visit & return home with him. Give them nice party at chapel by branch members & friends. Elder Calder of Vernal, Utah been sometime in field taking Elder Ricks place as Dist President. Elder Ricks & wife left mission for home on the 21st. Myself to 1:15 p.m. buss for Sacramento where I visit over hollydays with my Bro Wm J children. My niece, Bertha & man meet me at buss on my arrival at 7 p.m. & took me to there home where I stayed overnight. Had nice visit with all familys & friends. Drove me around much of city at night visited Xmas lighted streets & homes all very nice. Visit Capital building & other state buildings. I took some pictures 24th went with niece, Bertha & man & niece Dolly to Alameta by way of Sacramento River drive. I took some nice pictures. There we visited with my niece Winfred Murry & family where we visited over the Xmas. I received many nice gifts from all. While here Xmas for dinner Murry took me riding to Oakland over the Bridge to San Francisco & showed me much of city & ocean front where loading large ships & unload ships that come in. Returned home for nice Xmas dinner. Evening we returned back to Sacramento, where we arrived at 9 p.m., 3 hrs ride from Alameda. 26th my 75th birthday & all well, spent last evening & night Dec 31st & next day New Years 1950 at home of Verla Hendricks Phillips & man, my son-in-law Kenneth Hendricks, sister. Had nice visit with them, they returned me with car back to my niece Bertha. This evening Jan 1st 1950 Sacramento, weather rain not very pleasant, spent evening at my niece Bertha home with her brothers & sisters, all children of my Bro Wm John. Next morning Jan 2nd left by buss back to Santa Rosa my field of labour. Went by way of Velaho, arrived Santa Rosa 7:30 p.m. Found many nice gifts from my

children & friends from home. Also much mail. Santa Rosa 3rd Jan, have Elder Calder from Vernal, Utah as compannion. We visited lady missionaries at their apt & class with them as always. Did missionary labours all day nothing important happened. Night very cold & look like storm. Next morning 4th found few inches of snow on streets. All people & children out in it as though was first snow they seen. Snow did not last long all off when sun came. Today spent visiting familys, investigators & back members. This is my regular assignment. The morning of 5th cold & frosty. Visiting all day to 6 p.m. This seem to be rain season. Have plenty of it. Bad weather to get out walking, the only way I have to do visiting. The 12th my 23rd month in field. Been wonderfull experience & blessings. 13th of month still rain meet new Elder coming in field at buss depo(t), Davis from Arizona. Now have 4 Elders at apt untill appointed to field of labour. Sunday 15th much water & some ice on street. Attended all meetings at chapel Santa Rosa. So much rain need rain coat & umberal(a), have both. Also need boat & boots, have neither. 19th Elders all assigned to fields of labour in Dist. Just myself & Calder left. Have little more quiet now to ourselves. Spent rest of Jan month doing visiting all over Santa Rosa & attending to meetings. Been month of much rain & disagreeable weather. Held some cottage meetings during the month & administered to some sick, did much walking. Feb 1st 1950 at Santa Rosa. This been my 24th month in field & may be my last. Took Elder Calder around much of Dist geting him acquainted with people so the work can be kept up when I leave field. This also month of rain, cold & frosty weather for Calif. We get around in old Ford car, Calder have, so not so bad as walking. Visited Petulama Branch or Dist out from Santa Rosa found Elder (p. 116) Muir a missionary sick at hospital administered to him soon was out & around.

We drove to San Rafel & Mill Valley. Visited 4 Elders there & helped them tract & call on homes. Stayed overnight. I took some pictures before returning. Called on branch president Baker. At his Cafe next day had dinner with him. He Pres of Millvalley branch. Called on San Rafel branch Pres Thompson. Rained most of night & next day. We left to return to Sant Rosa in Ford. Calder got called away to visit dist. Was alone but not for long. Received word to meet new Elder Buchanyan at buss depot. Still raining hard. Got landlady of apt sister Enos to drive car to get Elder. Got phone call to visit one of our Indian members at hospital sick. Got Elder Buchanyan to go with me. Administered & blessed her. Received blessing. Left hospital soon. Rained all day. Sat 4th cleaned house all day. 7:30 PM attended baptism service at chapel. 7 added to fold. Myself took charge. Still rain this evening. Sun 5th Santa Rosa. Rain this morning. Attend Sunday School & Sac fast testermony meeting. Had Elders & lady missionaries from mission office with us. We all went my invitation to Pres & sister Cheney's home for dinner. Myself with Pres Cheney visited 2 familys branch members out in the country. Drove out in Pres car. Still raining. By evening all streets flooded with much rain water. Evening attended meeting at chapel. Raining hard. Elder Buchanyan & myself walked from chapel to apt few blocks. Few blocks, we had our rain coats & umbrella but got soaked to skin. Had to change all clothes. Got my umbrella the only one we had twice turn inside out. Each time I put against wind & got it back in place. Was still raining at 11:30 PM when retired. Monday 6th rain off some. Spend day taking Elder Buchanyan & Calder visiting & making them acquainted with people of district. Held cottage meeting this evening 5 miles out of Santa Rosa city with family of investigators. Santa Rosa 7th Feb 1950. Nice morning after so much rain. All missionarys of Northern Calif mission meeting at convention for 3 days at

Oakland. First time such have happen in mission. 18 Elders & 4 sister missionarys left here by 1:30 buss. After pleasant trip arrived Oakland at 4:30 PM. Was meet at buss by committee in charge. All given homes & how to get there, where we have been assigned to stay. Elder Buchanyan & myself to Bro & sister Wright 4059 Harding Way. Very nice home & people. After supper we attended MIA meeting with family going in family car to chapel. Meet many nice people of Oakly Ward as also missionarys. Full name of Wright, James C. All Saints & friends of Oakland have open homes for all missionarys for the 3 days & feed them 2 meals each day. We take noon lunch at chapel each day. Our home about 8 miles out from chapel. Take 2 busses each way. Cost 11 cents each way. Oakland Feb 8th meet at chapel from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Had lunch at chapel each pay 25¢. We all then entered 5 large special busses for site seeing trip of Oakland & over bridge to San Francisco. Guid with each buss & explained all sites as we travelled. 75 in each buss. We took in all of San Francisco Ocean front loading & unloading large freight ships, the fish Market, parks & all places of interest. We each paid $1:00 for trip which was well worth the trip & took some good colour pictures on trip. Returned to our homes for supper, then meeting again at chapel from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Had group picture taken at chapel. I have mine framed for wall of my room. Oakland Feb 9th meeting at chapel 9 a.m. Happy group of Missionaries all geting aquainted, very fine spiritual meeting, special speakers Dr Ranking, stake Pres McDonald, on Book of Mormon, very good. Lunch at hall. Meeting at 1 p.m. spiritual feast & picture slides on Book of Mormon. Then to our homes for supper & back to chapel fro meeting at 7:30. All people have special invitation to attend chapel & hall filled. Also stand & many standing was raining but did not stop people from coming. Grand

meeting all was blessed. Then after meeting hand shakes & people geting to meeting missionarys. Some Had friends & relations from many parts where missionarys from. Returned home 11 p.m. & retired. Oakland Feb 10th rain this morning & most if not all night. Meeting at chapel 9 a.m. This now was Testermony meeting for all missionarys. I was called to stand to open meeting with prayer & was asked by mission Pres Gardner to give first talk. He first told about my mission labours for 2 years & was now about to be released to return home. I talked & the spirit of the Lord was with me in bearing my testermony. All who wished to bear testermony then was formed in line from body of hall to stand, each took turn as they came. This lasted all forenoon. Had to close. (p. 117) Lunch at hall, then took up again at 1 p.m. giving testermony. At 3 p.m. still many not had chance to give there testermony but would like to. Pres Sessions of mission Presidency ask all who had not had chance & wanted to, to stand & all repeat after him a testermony he gave from stand. In this way all bore testermony. Meeting closed at 4:30 p.m. Our last meeting then came the hand shakes & the good buys. All music & program for all meetings was given by missionaries. Have much talent in the group. We returned home to our different ap(ar)tments, some returning to there fields of labour who have much travell. Buchanyan & myself returned to our home retired at 10:30 p.m. after nice supper & evening visit with the Wright family. Oakland Feb 11th 1950 This morning nice after rain, after breakfast with family & many thanks & our blessing for all there kindness, Bro Wright took us to buss in his car, where we meet others of our group. All taking 9:15 buss for Santa Rosa, where we arrived at 12:15 noon. Have mail from home, also appointment for room at Temple Square Hotel for my April Conference stay at Salt Lake before returning home to Idaho Falls.

Santa Rosa, Feb 12th my 2 years in field, expecting my letter of release. Has Pres Gardner said my letter of release would be mailed to me from mission office on his return from Oakland. This 12th is Sunday. Attended priesthood meeting, Sunday School & other meetings. At 7 p.m. Elder Jensen of Rexburg came into field with me. We both received our release today. Both Jensen & myself was called on to speek & take time of meeting. After meeting wishing all the By Bys, spent evening packing to leave mission for visit with my son Glenn & family at San Bernandino, where I plan to visit untill my return to Salt Lake in time for April Conference. Santa Rosa, Monday Feb 13th nice Calif sunshine morning, went to chapel where had class with 5 Elders & 6 Sister missionarys. I left Santa Rosa fro San Bernandino on 1:30 buss. Cost with Clergy ticket $5.52. Had nice trip for 19 hours, arriving San Bernandino 8:30 a.m. Tuesday morning the 14th Feb. Glenn met me with car & was soon home visit with family all day. Retired early need rest & sleep, on buss for 19 hours without. I visited here with Glenn & family taking in sites & with family in car. Weather beautifull & nice country. Visited some with my sister Martha girls at Long Beach a few days. Took many nice colored pictures. Attend meetings, was asked to take all time at Sac meeting at San Bernandino. Attend Orange Bowl Service & fair which they have each year in March. Also this March 18th Mormon Battallion came in city from Salt Lake City over the old trail only in cars not on foot as there forefathers did, they walked. It was nice parade & service for the day. Took many colored pictur(e)s on this trip for my slide projector. Nice visit untill March 20th when I left by buss this morning at 10:30 a.m. for Salt Lake City. Fare with my Clergy Pass $14.43 with tax was $14.63. Went by way of Victorville, Barstow, Bakersfield, Las Vagas, Nevada, Glendale, St. George, Utah, Cedar City, Fillmore, Nephi, Provo. Arrived Salt Lake 5 a.m. morning of 21st. All day

& night on road. Went right to room had engaged before leaving mission field at Temple Square Hotel. Later my niece Elva & man came & took me in car to her parents home at Sugar House, my wife Bro home Ezra Hodgson. Where I took much needed sleep & rest untill 4 p.m. This now March 22nd Salt Lake City. Visit bro sister Emily White & my bro Dan now 82 years last Dec 29th. March 22nd rained much today with high wind, did much damage to telephone & light system over city & much of state. I called at church office & reported my mission. Did some visiting at Genealogical office, checking over our family research work. I visited at Salt Lake with family & friends. Taken many pictures of different places at old home Sugar House. This is Place Monument & temple block & many other places of interest to my children. Salt Lake March 25th rain & sleet, snow had to put on my rubbers. On 5th April took room at Temple Square Hotel, this day was the laying corner stone of children's Primary Hospital by Pres Geo Albert Smith. Very large crowd present, good program. I took pictures there. I spent my time at Salt Lake City visiting relations & old friends. Attend church at old Ward Sugar House. Attended all sessions of April Conference & missionary reunion of mission. Meet many Elders from Mission field & friends & saints from mission where I laboured. April Conference started Thursday, April 6th & went for rest of week ending Sunday evening with Sunday School Conference. Monday 9 a.m. took buss for home Idaho Falls where I arrived at 5 p.m. at my daughters home, 128 East 15th Street & spent evening with my children. Am now home visiting friends & family. Sunday April 16th attended (p. 118) Priesthood meeting & Sunday School at home ward, 2nd. Called on to speak at both meetings (by) my many friends. Now 27 months sence I left for mission field. Afternoon, 2 PM attended monthly Priesthood & stake officers meeting at stake & ward

chapel 5th ward where I was called on to report & speak at meeting, 3 times today. Attend sac meeting at 2nd ward in evening. Called on again to talk makeing 2 times. I went to Rexburg & visited my daughter Ruth & family at ranch in Hibbard ward. Visited there & relations & friends at Plano ward where we used to live. Was called on to speek at Sunday School. Visited at daughters untill April 29th then back to Idaho Falls. Little under the weather with cold, gess change from Calif weather. Had check up with Dr West. After a few days in house & rest was soon OK. Idaho Falls May 1st 1950. My first ward work was covering the ward geting church census, appointed by my Bishop. Now making my home with son Russell and family 605 10th Street. Do all walking visiting ward everyday geting church census. Church have this sensus taken every so many years. Got through the work 18th. Now on the Sunday May 21st attended Sunday School at 2nd Ward then to North Stake quarterly conference at 1st Ward chapel. Elder Romney of Apostle Quorum was present from S.L. Afternoon attend my stake monthly meeting at 5th ward where I was called to speek to Priesthood High Priest quorum. Monday May 22nd started salesman work for Holland furnace co. Covered all home in Idaho Falls on foot, taking order for cleaning furance & furnace parts & orders for new furnaces; also visited this summer with Groesbeck Company manager at Driggs Afton & Jackson Wyoming. Helped on church farm puting up machine shed a High Priest Quorum project. Did some home missionary work when calling on familys for furnace company also did some temple work for dead, a High Priest Quorum project also. May 30th visited wife grave at Plano with family & meet many old Plano Ward friends. Much of June month was sick under Dr care. Wanted me to enter hospital bud did not. Just stay home. Had plenty of rest was soon OK. June 23rd came my 2 grandaughters Donna & Julie from

San Bernandino Calif for summer visit. They came on buss. Sunday June 25th drove to Rexburg with children & on to Plano Ward where our Davies & Ellis family reunion meet. Some came from Salt Lake. Nearly 100 family members present. This is my first with them sence June 1947. We had meeting & lunch at school building & visited until evening. Some from Utah stayed at familys at Plano for visit. I returned home to Idaho Falls with children. Took some pictures of family & places at Plano Hibbard & Idaho Falls. July 4th visited daughter Ruth & attend celebration at Rexburg & visited with my missionary companion Mark Ricks & family. Returned to Idaho Falls on the 7th. Some of my missionary boys from Driggs Murdock & Bevan called on me for visit. Was put back to my church position held when called on my mission, stake High Priest Quorum sec. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month with Presidency at Pres Schweiders home on 3rd Street. July 24th parade & celebration by 3 Idaho Falls stakes. Elder Moyle from SLC member of Apostle Quorum was speaker at park program. Celebration started night before on 23rd with musical program by chorus of 3 stakes. July 25th received work of sudden death by accident of Matt White my sister Emily son; leave wife & son & daughter. I took the first buss at 2 PM for Salt Lake City. Arrived SLC 9 PM & was meet by my nephew Walt Fellows who took me to my sisters home at Hollywood Ave & South 13th East. I stayed at SLC untill after service at Edg(e)hill Ward chapel, Thursday July 27th. Buried at Wasatch Lawn Cemetry on Highland drive South from Sugar House. Returning to Idaho Falls on 2:30 PM buss July 28th, arrived 6 PM at Idaho Falls. Next Day Sat 29th put in day at church farm shed High Priest project. Aug 4th attended evening program at Scout camp at mountain East of Driggs with daughter Lottie & husband. 240 boyscouts was there. This is the last for season. Was very cold & look like storm. We returned back to Idaho Falls at 11:30 PM. Nice drive & trip

only cold at camp. Aug 6th drove to Menan with Russell & wife Alta & boys to have birthday dinner with Alta Father Johnson & family. Father 80th birthday. Returned home at evening. Sat Aug 19th afternoon left with daughter Lottie & Harry for trip through Yellowstone park. Had with us my grandaughter Julie from San Bernnandino Calif. Took cabin this night at West Yellowstone entrance to park. Next morning 20th after good breakfast entered park. Drove all through park taking in all sights to see. I took number good pictures. Weather very nice. Had very nice trip. Returned home to Falls evening at 10 PM. Took 56 colour pictures. (p. 119) Sunday Aug 27. After Sunday school went with Harry & Lottie my daughter to Hibbard Ward unit of Rexburg & visited with daughter Ruth & family; gathered early apples; returned back to Falls in time for evening Sac meeting. Continued my labours with Holland furnace Co. Walking much everyday attending to church duties & visiting with children. Weather been nice & warm althrough Aug month. Sept 1950 come in nice weather. Am still at my visiting homes for Holland furnace, walking every day. Labour Day Monday 4th. Took buss to Rexburg & spent day with girl Ruth & family. They returned with me at evening to Idaho Falls. Sunday 10th had rain weather, cooler, feel like fall was close. 12th my 2 grandaughter left by buss for home San Bernandino Calif after nice visit. Today 12th received word of death by truck load of cattle on highway of our friend Roy Brown & son 16. Attend funerell service for Roy Brown & son at 5th Ward chapel. Sunday 17th at stake Priesthood meeting 5th Ward chapel I ordained Ephrum Lawrence Peterson High Priest & he was excepted into quorum. Continue my work with Holland furnace & church work & help on church farm. Sept month rather stormy & much cooler. Sept. 28th left on 9 AM buss for Salt Lake City to attend Oct conference, weather

nice this morning. Arrived Salt Lake 5 PM. Went out to Sugar House to sister Emily & Bro Dan where I made my stay over conference. Sept 29th conference start today. Was at gate 8 AM, many before me. Large gathering for conference as always. Attend both meetings morning & afternoon. Evening rain & sleet snow rather cold. Attend mission reunion of northern Calif mission at Forest Dale chapel. My brotherinlaw Ezra Hodgsen took me in car on account of storm. Meet all missionarys & friends. Nice time. Program dance & refreshments untill 11:30 PM. Some of missionarys took me home to my sister Emily on Hollywood Ave where I stay. Still storming. Next morning was to conference again early. Crowd very large again although weather chilly & disagreeable. All building filled & many out on grounds geting conference over loud speakers. Evening Priesthood meeting asemble hall, Barrat Hall filled to overflowing as also Taber(nacle). 14 thousand Priesthood present. Sunday morning Oct 1st at meeting early before doors open very large crowd. Have to be very early to get seat, or even to get place to stand. Evening spent with relatives at home untill 11 PM. Morning Oct 2nd leave on 9 AM buss for home at Idaho Falls. Arrived 5 PM visited with my children untill 10:30 PM. Retired rather tired from trip. Oct 4th we all received suprize visit from my son Glenn & new wife to be from San Bernandino Calif. Sat & Sunday the 7th & 8th visited with my daughter & family at Hibbard ranch. Oct 9th returned to Idaho Falls, found my son Glenn had left in morning for home at Calif have long drive with car, so leave early. This evening meet at President Schweiders home with stake High Priest Presidency (to) get out our quorum reports. Theses are potato harvest days. All help can get busy. School all out so children who can will help. All get good pay. Weather now very nice. Been stormy forepart

of month. All hope weather will keep good for potato & beet harvest. Look like we may have rain. Oct 14th stake Priesthood meeting this evening in connection with our stake quarterly conference tomorrow Sunday. After Priesthood meet all retired to amusment hall had program & dance party for Pres Cook member of stake presidency released, moving to Salt Lake City. Raining tonight. Pres Schweider took me home to my son Russell where I am staying. Oct 5th (?) nice day Sunday our stake conference. 2 good meetings at 5th Ward chapel. MIA meeting & good program at evening. Attended all meetings. Oct 24th weather for month been nice untill now. Raining very hard. Potatoe & Beet harvest about through. 26th rain tonight & next morning. 27th much all day with wind & rain tonight & rain most of to day. 28th rain, showers, 29th but not bad weather, warmer attend church all day this been Sunday. More rain tonight 30 & most of next day 31st but not cold. Wet under feet, need ware my rubbers. Nov 1st came in with rain & look like will have snow. These days my work is at office Holland furnace. Through canvasing city. Nov 8th first light snow. Need over coat now. Nov 9th cold wind some frost last night. Express to day 2 box of nice potatoes 50 lbs in each box to my niece Bertha at Sacramento Calif. 10th had few flakes of snow in morning. Weather moderating some. All business closed today Armistice Day. Am at office answering phone calls. 12th visited daughter Ruth family at Hibbard ranch. Came last evening stayed over Sunday returned to Idaho Falls on evening buss. 14th first good snow storm about 3 inches last night. Thaw snow off streets afternoon. 15th little snow & sleet rain tonight. Storm off & on much of next day. 16th more storm last night & more rain than snow, sort of drizzling between rain & snow. 17th & 18th still attending to office of Holland furnace so am in out of storm &

cold. Only walk of 10 blocks each way from son Russells home on 10th St to office. 23rd Thanks giving day. Went with children to daughter Ruths at Hibbard ranch. Enjoyed turkey dinner with all that goes with it. Had nice visit with children. Day nice sunshine. We all returned to homes at falls 9 PM (p. 120) We all have much to be thankfull for. Good homes in this goodly free land, plenty to eat of the good things of the earth & plenty of good close to keep dry & warm & with it all the true church & gospel of Christ with all its many blessings. 30th have little more storm thus end Nov month. Am still with Holland furnace Co. Dec 1st 50 months came in with little snow, geting cold. 7th big snow storm 6 in over night. Cold weather is on. Dec 10th daughter Pearl gave birth baby girl at LDS hospital. Her fifth child, 4 girls & a boy. Visited mother & baby at hospital, All OK. Baby born 4 oclock in morning of 10th. Snow all gone off streets. 20th much xmas shoping, doing little myself. Weather not so stormy but cold. All store & home windows & streets decorated. Looks like xmas & gives on xmas feeling. 23rd went to daughter Ruths home at Hibbard. Spent over xmas with family of 7 children. Had real nice xmas & my 76 birthday the 26th. My first birthday home since 1947. Spent that 1947 with son Glenn & family at San Bernandino Calif. Returned to Hibbard evening of 26th by buss. Dec 28th have good 6 inch of new snow fell last night. 29th from 6 to 8 inches more snow this morning from last night. Overshoes come in good now walking from home to office & back each day. This evening on way home visited one of sick members of High Priest quorum, Bro John Reading. Dec 31st last day of 1950. Went with daughter Lottie & family to Burley Idaho to visit her daughter LaRue & husband D L Weaver. Nice drive in car. Spent visiting over New Year. Returned to Falls afternoon of New Year Day Jan 1, 1951.

Nice ride home. Roads good got home to Falls 8:30 PM. This night had 3 inches of new snow. Some light snow this morning. Cleared off afternoon, nice sunshine, Jan 3rd light snow on & off all day. Nice weather for winter. Am still working at office Holland furnace & attend to church duties. Jan 7th to day at fast meeting ~~named & blessed my daughter baby girl.~~ (was to but not came) 8th first morning paper Deseret News have just started to put out morning paper. Have some snow storms & cold not bad winter have seen much worse. Sat Dec 13th this evening attend Priesthood & church welfare meeting at stake at 5th Ward. This start of stake quarterly conference. Bishop Wirkling of Presiding Bishop Salt Lake was with us. Sunday 14th 2 good meetings & evening good program MIA. I attended all meetings. Jan 21st completed my assignment of visiting all High Priests of 2nd Ward. 42 in all. 25th attended special meeting of leaders of all 3 stakes at 5th Ward chapel. Elder Mark Peterson of the Apostles Quorum of Salt Lake. He also manager of Deseret News. Meeting was in interest of Deseret News paper. Show slide pictures of growth & history of paper & urged all to suport the church paper. Having our cold spell now below zero 27th Jan through rest of Jan month. Feb 1st 1951 still cold today. Feb 4th cold weather breaking up some having little more snow. To day attended fast meeting at 9th ward. Blessed & named my little grand daughter. Name Wilma Buck. 7th rain snow going off change in weather. Feb 28th last day of month have had thaw all snow off with light snow off & on. Weather not so much winter now. March 25th our quarterly stake conference; attend meetings 5th Ward chapel. March coming in with wind & some snow. Drift roads in. Snow plow keep busy. I made visit end of month to daughter Ruth at Hibbard. Drove up with daughter Lottie & Harry her husband.

We visited the afternoon a few hours & returned home to Falls. March 28th stake High Priest quorum held party at Iona Ward. Roads all open so could drive out with car. I went with Bro Groesbeck & his wife. So closed March. April came in nice weather. I left on morning of 5th 9 AM buss for Salt Lake attend April conference. Arrived 4:30 PM Made my stay with sister Emily White while attending conference. Friday April 6th start of conference. Attended all meetings. All very good. All buildings filled & many out side geting conference by loud speaker. This evening 6th attend reunion of Northern Calif. mission. Had a very good time. Meet Elders many mission companions as also Saints & friends of mission. Held at Forest Dale chapel. At this party meet my wife to be sister Rosaline Dufur, of Watsonville Branch Calif Mission. April 7th conference foremoon. 2 PM funerill & service for our President Geo Albert Smith. Very large crowd. Went to city cemetry. I drove up with friend Sister Liddle & party. April 8th put in our new church president David O McKay. Grand meeting & very impressive. All priesthood voted in separate quorums as all church leaders voted together from head down. All stand as called to vote. I returned home on 2:30 PM buss for Idaho Falls. April 9th arrived 9 PM. Conference all very good; weather very nice. I enjoyed all very much. I cared of office work of Holland Co. untill April 16th then started out covering all of city & out side Dist. as salesman for company. Later apart of May went to Salt Lake City (p. 121) & meet sister Rosalie Dufur one of church members of Watsonville Branch Northern Calif. mission. Had nice visit with her & her son who is living at S L City with wife & family. Rosaline was visiting here. She then returned to Calif to attend to some personal business & returned back to Salt Lake. Myself Also returned from Idaho Falls to Salt Lake in June.

One June 16th sister Rosalie changed her name to sister Charles H Davies. (Wife full name Willie Rosalie Rippey married first to Wm Jacob Dufur) We was married by ward Bishop at home of her son, on Lake Street in presence of family members. Both returned to Idaho Falls where we made our home. I continued to work for the Holland Furnace Co untill Oct when returned to Salt Lake attend Oct conference & missionary reunion & decided to make our home there. Both wife & myself working at whatever work we could get. Dec 1951. We both made trip by buss to wife home at Calif & visited with her family over Xmas & New Year HollyDays. Had nice trip & very enjoyable time with family & friends. Returned home at S L City where made our home untill May then wife made trip back to Calif. for visit with her family as some were sick & herself not feeling any to well. I returned to Idaho Falls to visit my children. July 1952. Both wife & myself meet at Salt Lake. Attended wedding of her youngest son Curtis after which both visited family & friends at Idaho Falls. Wife returned to Calif to prepair home for us there at Calif where we will make our home for time being. Myself leave Idaho Falls Sept 21st for Calif & be with my wife & make home. Stoped off buss at Salt Lake 2 days. Attended Genealogical library & visited with my sister Emily White who very sick with stroke. Children was all called home. I seen some of the children for some time. Took buss for Morgan Hill Calif where my wife was. Got small apt. Wife looking after sick family every day. Wife have 2 sons with familys living here. We stayed at Morgan Hill untill later part of Oct then moved to Watsonville where there is branch of church & where I did missionary work years 1948 & 1949. From Watsonville I was called to Santa Rosa where I finished my mission 1950. We have apt at Watsonville 140 B Wall Street. Stayed at this apt untill summer then moved to our present apt 147 B Wall Street.

Obituary for Charles H. Davies

(Written & given by LaRue Hemsley Weaver, oldest grandchild)

Wales--a peninsula west of England, perhaps best typified by her people a poor, hardworking class of people who have a love for beauty and education, and a great natural talent for singing; a proud, religious people, who love and respect their country and their kin. If this describes a Welshman, then surely Grandpa was a Welshman through and through. Charles Henry Davies was born Dec. 26, 1874, in Cumbran, Monmouthshire, S. Wales, of poor, hardworking parents. He was the eighth child of nineteen that were born to John Thomas Davies and Ann Ellis. His mother had joined the LDS church while a young girl and his father joined when Grandpa did. They were baptized in March when Grandpa was nine. (Seventy years to the day from then until he died.) Although there was no Mormon church in the village, the Elders came often and the family was raised in a true Latter Day Saint home atmosphere. When Grandpa was about nine, he and another boy teamed up as was the practice to work what was called half time, school one day and work the next. The day that Grandpa was at school his chum worked in the foundry. This arrangement went on until Grandpa was about 10 or 11 and then he was permitted to leave school and work full time in the steel works. This job was quite essential for his father and two sisters had already come to Salt Lake, and Grandpa had to help support the family. Through the diligence of all the family and the help of the Lord, this Mother and her 7 remaining children were able to leave for the Promised Land May 18, 1886. They lived in Sugar House for a short time and then moved to Vernal. One day a letter came to Grandpa from Pres. Wilford Woodruff calling him on a European Mission. Then it was that his Mother told him of an incident that happened when Charlie was a small boy. He was extremely ill with fever that had taken many of the village. He was so near death that the doctor had signed the Death Certificate and

left. Then the Elders came as if in answer to her prayers. They administered to him and he sat up in bed and was completely well. Part of his blessing was a promise that he would go to Zion and then return to Wales on a mission. It was only 9 years after leaving Wales that Grandpa returned for his mission. When the Elders reached the mission headquarters in London they were asked where they would like to go. Everyone but Grandpa expressed his preference. Grandpa was the last to be assigned his district. President Wells, not knowing that Grandpa was from Wales, pondered for a time and finally said, "Elder Davies, the only place I can see for you is the Welsh Conference." And he was sent to Cardiff, a few miles from his home town. Grandpa's life was filled with many such testimony building incidents and it's no wonder his testimony was so strong. Upon returning he worked for about a year in Southern Utah with his brothers, but wanted to get back to Salt Lake to his girl. After a romantic courtship of one year, he married the girl of his dreams, Harriet Hodgson, on December 5, 1901, in the Salt Lake Temple. From the beginning they were desirous to own their own home and soon had the lots bought and then with the help of his brothers finished a two room home. Here six of their seven children were born--Lottie, Owen who died at birth, Russell, Glenn, Ruth and Pearl. (A niece, Lavina Hodgson Lawrence lived with them for quite a few years, too.) During those 14 years Grandpa earned a living by serving as a guard at the Utah State Prison. For the last two years he was in charge of a large group of prisoners that built roads in Northern and Southern Utah. He often had over 150 prisoners and only 8 guards, but because of his ability to get along with people, and his fairness and good treatment, all the men loved and respected him and not one man was ever lost. Just before Pearl was born, Grandpa lost the sight in his left eye because of a

shooting accident. Naturally this was a handicap and he lost his job at the prison. However, he served as private body guard to Gov. Spry during that winter. In April, 1916, the family sold their property in Sugar House and moved to Plano, Idaho--from city to sagebrush. Here it was that their last child, Lynn, was born. Grandpa and Grandma and their family worked hard farming for themselves and others but could never seem to get much ahead. In 1932, our family moved to Idaho Falls and Grandpa and Grandpa and family moved from the farm to our house at the Plano townsite. Grandpa served as caretaker for the church house, school house and cemetary. In May, 1938, Grandpa and Grandma set about building their own home. It was completed before winter came and once again they were in their own home. But not for long. Grandma became sick in the spring and passed away in Idaho Falls, July 26, 1939. Grandpa went on a short vacation and then went back to Plano but just had to give it up. So he sold the home and moved to Idaho Falls. He worked for the LDS Hospital and later for H. M. Groesbeck. Grandpa was always active in church activities and held many positions in the church. He was a ward teacher all his life, ward chorister, in the Y.M.M.I.A. Presidency, S.S. teacher and sec., on Old Folks Committee, supervisor of Geneological Committee, Aaronic Priesthood supervisor, stake missionary, a life member of the Geneological Society and Mutual, served in the Plano Bishopric many years and here in the 2nd ward was Sec. of the Stake High Priest Quorum. In January, 1948, at the age of 73, he left for another two year mission, this time to Northern California. It was there that he met a wonderful woman, Rose Dufur and her lovely family of eight children. Grandpa was home from his mission a little over a year when she came to Salt Lake and they married June 16, 1951. What a wonderful thing! All of the family wish to pay tribute

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to Grandma Rose and her children for the happiness and love they have given to Grandpa and all of us these past 3 years. We didn't lose a Grandpa, we gained the friendship and companionship of a lovely woman and her wonderful family. They have surely been good to and good for Grandpa. After a brief illness he was sent to Idaho Falls by plane last Friday, March 12 (1954) for treatment at the LDS Hospital. Tuesday, the doctor told the family that his whole body was filled with cancer and gave him about 3 more months. He was in good spirits that night, joking with Grandma Rose, and planning on doing temple work soon. As the children left that evening he was resting comfortably. They went home wondering how they should tell Grandpa or if they should tell him--But there was never time. The end came at about 3 a.m. Wednesday, March 17. Surely it was a just reward to Grandpa to be taken without a long siege of suffering. He is survived by his wife, Rose, and her family of 8 children; his six children, Mrs. Harry Hemsley, Russell and Lynn Davies all of Idaho Falls, Mrs. Desmond Buck of Iona; Mrs. Kenneth Hendricks of Rexburg; and Glenn Davies of San Bernardino, Calif.; 25 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Jane Carliss of Vernal; and two brothers, Dan and Fred Davies of Salt Lake City.

I'll never think of Grandpa but what I'll remember:

His silver hair and young appearance

His proud, vigorous walk

His ability to strike up a conversation with anyone

His love for children and how he'd romp with and sing to them

His loud, boisterous laugh

His incessant teasing

The Christmases at our house--he was worse than any of the little kids--he

always woke us up at 4 or 5 o'clock to see that Santa Clause had brought--and then blamed us for getting everyone up so early. His ability to remember people and associate them with their families... No matter where he went Grandpa always knew someone. How proud he was of his heritage, his age, and his family. Especially dear to him were his sons- and daughters- in law, who have always been so good to him and treated him as they would their own father. If you could pick the outstanding thing in Grandpa's life, I'd say it was his love for genealogy. His life centered around keeping and writing records, doing temple work and genealogy research. He had a great testimony of this work and was always desirous of keeping his family together as a family group. Quoting from his own personal record:

> When I started this record sometime ago, before my wife died in 1939, I intended at the time to only write a brief account of life and church activities of myself and wife to leave our children, as I figured that would be about all we could leave them as far as this world's goods are concerned at least. We both...would much rather leave our children and our children's children a living faith and testimony of the work of God than all the material wealth of the world we could receive. For after all it is what you can take with you when leaving this old world that counts, not what you leave when going out. When one day I was alone in my room working on this work...I was stopped in my thoughts by some words that kept repeating to me, and try as I could to go on with my work, I could not until I picked up pencil and paper and put those words down. Now these are the words I received:
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> Seek not for fame and riches
> Or for the praises of men
> They last only for the moment
> Never to return again
> Rather seek for the joy and glory
> That will come from doing well
> The labour for those loved ones
> Who on earth did once dwell.

If it is possible to condense into a few words the character of an individual, Grandpa's life can best be expressed in his own words, the opening phrase of his life history. It begins "For the benefit of those who come after me." <u>That</u> was Charlie Davies.